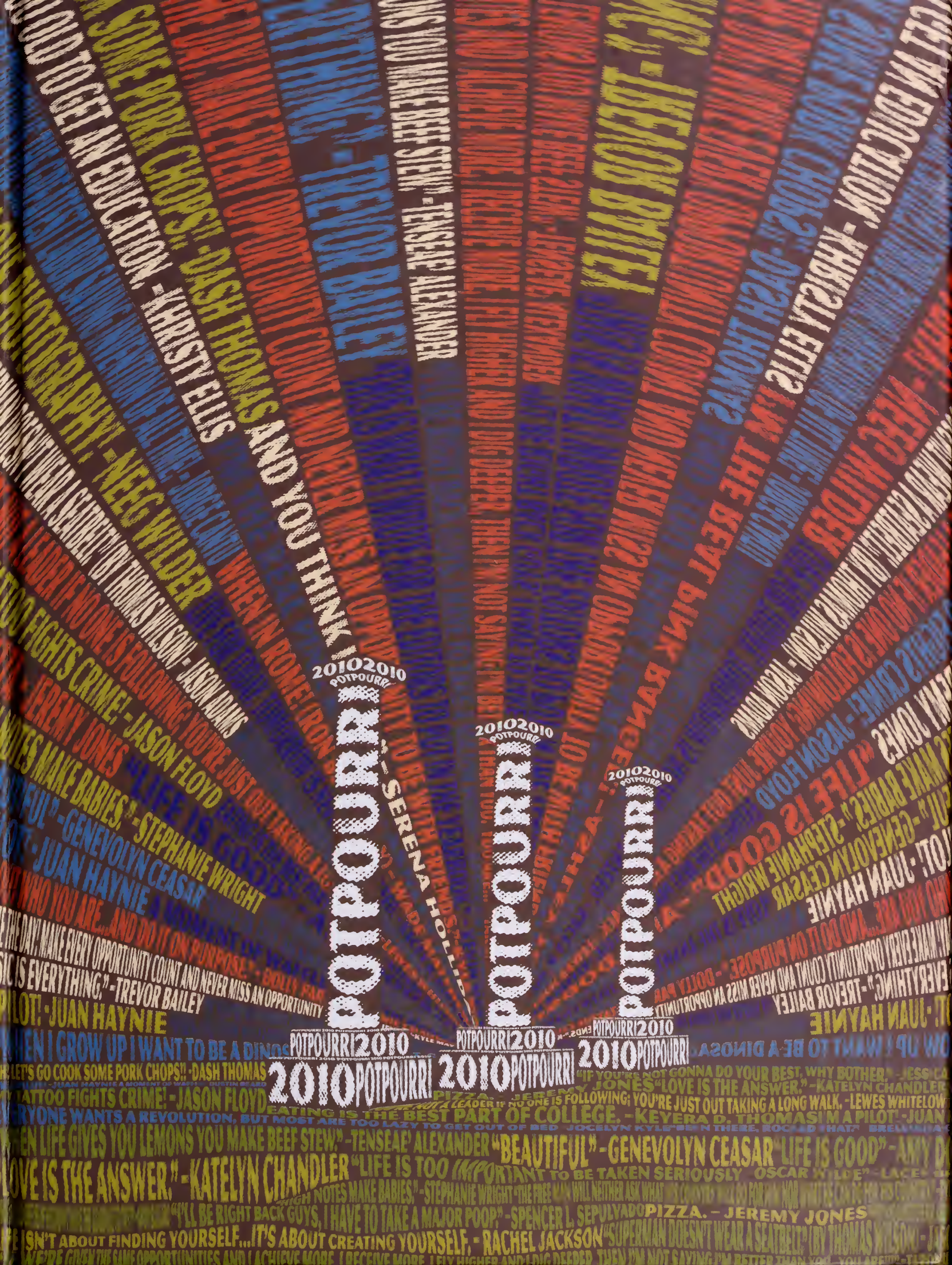

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There is a spirit at Northwestern.
It captured the students the
moment they walked on campus
and instantly intertwined among their lives.
It became the essence of
student life
throughout Northwestern's 125 years.
It danced with Isabella
and witnessed the vast progression
of the university.



This spirit is harder to find

as the classes grow larger and more diverse.

But each student exemplified it

throughout the dedication and determination

spent pursuing a degree.

Each department and program

found a niche, and within those

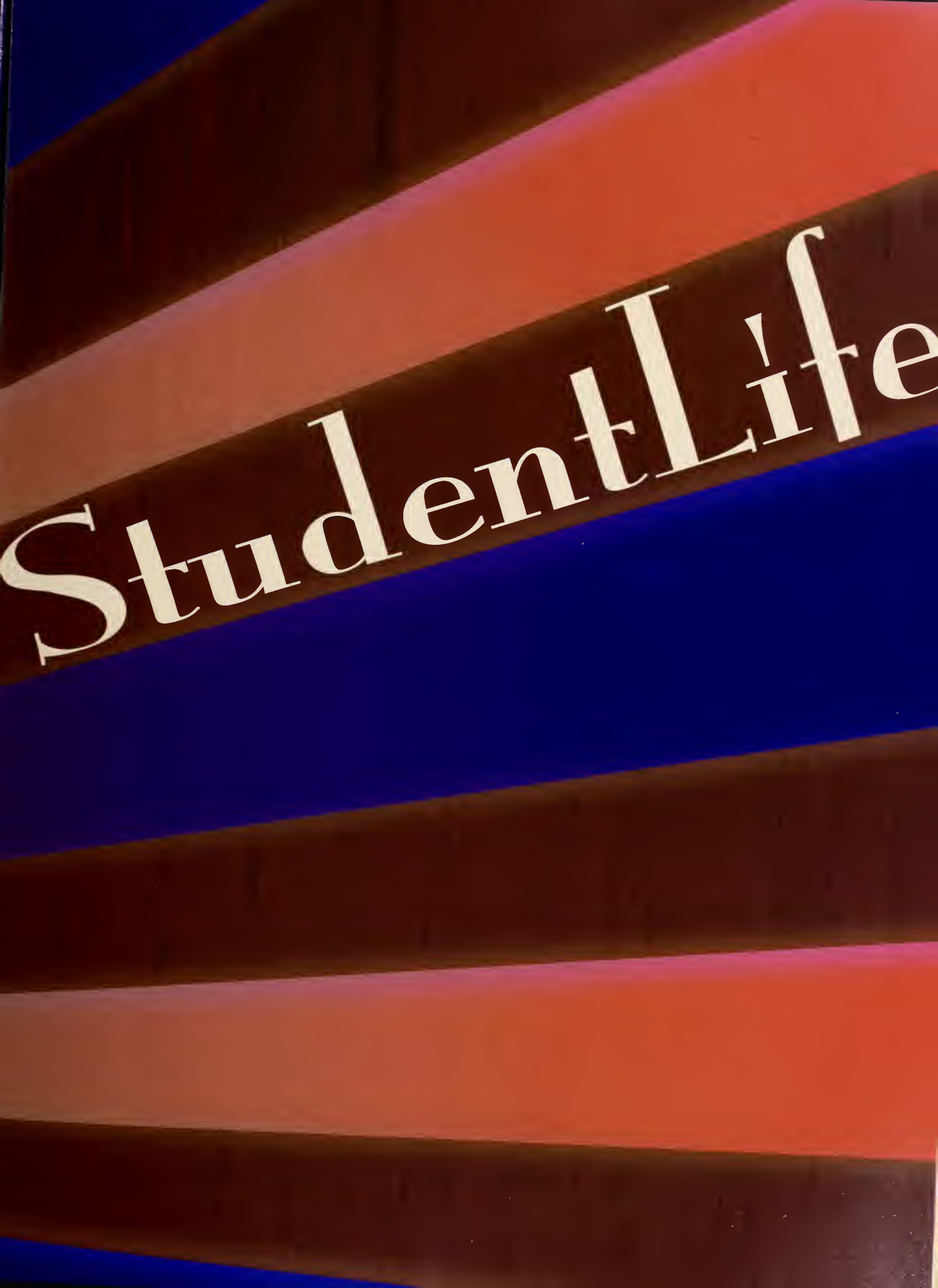
academic

settings, the spirit thrived.



The spirit grows stronger throughout the seasons.
The spirit strengthened throughout
athletics
with each goal, home run and touchdown.
The cheers exploded throughout the crowd
as the Demons faced each competitor.
The sweat, blood and tears
that marked the field remained
as a reminder that the spirit still thrived
despite the lost games and missed goals.




StudentLife



For the Students, by the Students

governing the student body

Laws, rules and regulations. What? For students?

The Student Government Association was prided on being the judicial system for the student body. The members oversaw the rights and privileges around campus involving students.

"[We're] the voice…of the students in line with common grounds of the students, offering ways to solve student issues before the administration," President Kayla Wingfield, senior liberal arts major, said.

As all citizens, students had the right to vote for officials and leaders, bills and amendments. Students also decided how their money was spent.

"The money comes from their trust fund that is appropriately pulled from its account to be utilized in discretion as needed," Vice President Matthew Morrison, junior liberal arts major, said.

Like the judicial system, members in SGA had to be elected into each office by the student body at the beginning of the semester, however, positions became available throughout the semester.

"Any student can join either Academic Affairs, Student Affairs or External Affairs who is interested in being involved with SGA and his own rights as an NSU student," Morrison said.

Committee heads extended from student body president, vice president, class senators and commissioners. In order to become an official representative of SGA, one had to have met the requirements to serve on the committee and simply fill out an application.

The work of the committee heads was almost as demanding as America's government, or any one government for that matter. There were four bills that passed during the school year. It took a lot of wisdom to make sure the bills benefited the students without disregarding the administration, Wingfield said.

"[It caused] a mountain of time and effort," she said.

SGA came in handy for its students as more than just representation. Scantrons were freely issued at specified times and days to students who went to the SGA office and requested them. Scantrons were often essential to a college student's life, as they were often required to take an exam. Some professors were not so willing to allow make-ups for excuses of those without scantrons.

Interviews, forums and debates were also a part of this organization's duties, which were done through the media, television and group settings and the SGA encouraged students to exercise and know their rights and privileges.

Rashad Smith

Showing Students a Good Time

completing the collegiate experience

Fun! Fun! Fun! And more FUN! Whether in the hot sun or chilled winter, the Student Activities Board was committed to delivering the best of times on campus.

With each semester, SAB executives planned to present new and improved events.

"SAB represents the students of NSU and their involvement in the rand scheme of its social events, either in service or in the general idea f SAB: bringing students together," President Eddie Higginbotham, senior ealth and exercise science major, said.

One event was Fiesta! Fiesta!, where students enjoyed food, drinks nd learned how to salsa dance.

"Unlike previous events, this one was geared toward the abandonment of the traditional events and more centered to support those of ifferent ethnicities and backgrounds," Higginbotham said.

The members of SAB strived to be inclusive to every ethnicity, background, creed and race with events for this school year and future ones. his particular event estimated around $1,100.

"[That] is cheap for an SAB event," Higginbotham said.

There was the Special Events Coordinator Committee, whose main urpose was to present ideas to the board. From there, decisions were ade.

"[The committee] is responsible for initiating the planning process for vents and managing them, adhering to the budget designated for events, ecuring the meeting space and contacting food suppliers and vendors for vents, all the while making sure to meet deadlines and prioritize," said ourtney Espenan, public relations committee head and junior liberal arts ajor.

SAB wore many hats. It was not just consistent in entertaining, like dancing, winning prizes and hosting events. It also included different committees focused on different aspects of student life.

The Service Learning Committee participated in activities less focused on entertaining, such as benefits for homeless shelters. The committee was devoted to serving in Habitat for Humanity, a world-wide organization known for its aid with inexpensive, but legitimate, building of houses for the needy and oppressed. The committee also hosted a canned food drive, sending hundreds of canned goods to the lower-to-no income families and people groups.

"[The committee executive was responsible for] nicely fitting academia into society and focusing meaningful service from students throughout the community," Higginbotham said.

Holding a leadership position was sometimes tough. The president, vice president, executives and committee heads also had to juggle school, work and a social life, Higginbotham said.

"It can be a struggle sometimes," he said.

And as president, his role was particularly important.

"[I'm] the face of SAB, a walking billboard for SAB, must attend all meetings and run them, including the executive committee meetings and serve in multiple committees," Higginbotham said.

Despite the hard work, he said it is a rewarding experience to be a member of SAB.

It was a perk to see students, "learn future knowledge with networking, interact with multiple personalities, experience college to its fullest, and being involved in new and exciting things," he said.

Espenan added she hoped "the members of SAB would continue to support each other so NSU can easily operate more efficiently."

Rashad Smith







Hittin' the Road

homecoming style

road trip to the 125

"Hitting the Road-Homecoming Kick-Off"
Monday, October 19
Students gathered at Friedman Student Union to get ready for their week-long "road trip."

"Everything's Bigger in Texas"
Tuesday, October 20
Their first stop was Texas. There was a barbecue outside of Keyser and a mechanical bull that sent students flying.

"Winter 'Canned Food' Olympics"
Wednesday, October 21
Students got to gear up and climb a rock wall at the President's Field. Canned food donations were also accepted for D.O.V.E.S.

"I Love New York! Lip Sync"
Thursday, October 22
Greeks and organizations competed in the broadway-style lip sync competition at A.A. Fredrick's Auditorium

"Welcome to the Party! Pool Party"
Friday, October 23
Their last stop was Miami, where SAB hosted a pool party at University Place Phase I.



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king & queen

The 2009 Homecoming King and Queen were Eddie Higginbotham and Kayla Wingfield.

Higginbotham was also nominated Mr. NSU and served as the Student Activities Board President.

"I've seen the past people who have been king and queen, and they've been role models to me," Higginbotham, senior health and exercise science major, said. "I feel so honored and blessed."

Kayla Wingfield, senior scientific inquiry major, was the SGA President, and wasn't expecting to be crowned Homecoming Queen.

"I told people the whole day that I wasn't nervous about the election because I didn't think I was going to make court; I was just happy I got nominated," Wingfield, said. "I'm not your typical person who you would think of as homecoming queen."



photo by Gary Richardson

2009 homecoming court

Eric Howard, Kacey Buckner, Brandon Wheatley, Shanice Major, Vanner Erikson, Aly Breaux, Nicholas Courville, Kaleigh McCord, Whitney Mixon, Eddie Higginbotham, Kayla Wingfield, Amy Dodson, Diante Turner, Megan Cullen, Cody Bourque, Danielle Antoon, Ronnie Washington, Jannah Gray, Justin Thompson



More Than Just a Title

being mr. and miss nsu

Eddie Higginbotham, senior health and exercise major and Mr. NSU, said it was a surreal experience when he discovered he was chosen by the student body to be Mr. NSU a week after being elected Homecoming King.

"I came to NSU, and I could just think of the past people that got [Mr. NSU] and how much I looked up to them and how they helped me," he said.

Higginbotham was excited to receive the highest title at NSU. He was also honored to be recognized by the student body for doing what he loved: being involved and helping people.

"It's one of the most humbling experiences," he said.

Rachel McCalister, 2008 Homecoming Queen and senior education major, was elected alongside Higginbotham as Miss NSU.

"In a way, I feel more honored than I was for homecoming" she said. "It's a more prestigious title."

McCalister said she felt privileged by just being on the ballad, since a student must be nominated by four different RSOs on campus. Nominees were also required to have at least a 2.75 GPA to be eligible.

While serving on homecoming court and as Mr. and Miss NSU, both Higginbotham and McCalister stayed active on campus.

Higginbotham attributed his collegiate experience to his involvement on campus. He was involved in the Student Activities Board, Freshman Connection, Demon VIP, Interfraternity Council and Order of Omega.

"You're not going to get that full college experience by just sitting in your room all day," he said.

McCalister was the president of Phi Mu and Kappa Delta Phi, the education honor society. She was a Freshman Connector and a Demon VIP, and was a member of Blue Key and SAB.

Though they stayed involved socially, both agreed that academics were the most important part of their college career.

"I think, especially being Mr. or Miss NSU, you should hold academics a little bit higher than your involvement because that's what you're here for," Higginbotham said. "That's the thing you should be excelling in. It should be your grades, then that other stuff."

McCalister said she intended to focus more on school as she prepares for graduation.

"I won't be as hands-on involved in leadership positions, but I hope to be there to guide the younger ones and give them the full support they need, like the people above me did for me," she said.

Andrew Bordelon



submitted photo

Favorite fast food restaurant?
Raising Canes

Favorite movie?
Remember the Titans

Favorite TV show?
Fresh Prince of Bel-Air

Who is your role model?
Roderick Wilson, 2008 Mr. NSU

If you could be back in time, when?
1990s for sure, I know it's recent, but the music, tv shows, movies, pop culture in general was awesome

What is the last book you read?
Very corny-An Inspirational book for student leaders

Kind of music on your iPod?
Everything… I love music in general, no particular favorite

Plans after graduation?
Work for Theta Chi as a consultant, then Physical Therapy school, then practice Physical Therapy

Farthest distance you've traveled?
Italy

Most memorable moment in college?
My 2007 Freshman Connection experience- friends made, lessons learned, experience of a lifetime

Favorite fast food restaurant?
Arby's

Favorite movie?
Pride and Prejudice

Favorite TV show?
Grey's Anatomy

Who is your role model?
Raylie McDodd, Phi Mu big sis

If you could be back in time, when?
1920s; loved the clothes

What is the last book you read?
The Last Lecture

Kind of music on your iPod?
Everything

Plans after graduation?
Graduate School

Farthest distance you've traveled?
New York

Most memorable moment in college?
2008 Homecoming Week


photo by Bethany Frank

Spreading Cheer

one light at a time

Christmas time was a busy time of year filled with lights, music, fireworks and more.

The City of Natchitoches decorated the town with more than 300,000 Christmas lights and 100 lit set pieces for residents, students and visitors to enjoy. The Christmas season was celebrated with events and festivities for six weeks, with the highlight of the season being 83rd Annual Christmas Festival.

"I love the Christmas Festival because it puts everyone in the Christmas spirit," Maegan Morace, sophomore hospitality management and tourism major, said. "The decorations and Christmas lights completely transform Front Street into a winter wonderland."

Residents, students and visitors also enjoyed the fireworks display each Saturday throughout the season. The Christmas Festival fireworks show was the largest show during the season.

"My favorite part about the Christmas Festival was definitely the fireworks on Saturday night," Hannah Oge, freshman nursing major, said. "I love this time because it's packed with people, see everyone you know and the fireworks are so beautiful!"

Along with Christmas celebrations, the Christmas season marked the end of the fall semester. Finals and packing up to visit hometown family and friends made Christmas a busy time for students.

"December is stressful because a combination of finals, tourists and the duties of other jobs are overwhelming," Lauren Mitcham, junior criminal justice major, said.

Even with all the Christmas excitement and activities, students still found a way to enjoy the time of year.

"Getting to see long-distance relatives, indulging in tasty treats and braving the holiday crowds to get that perfect gift are just a few things that are enticing about the holidays," Mitcham said.

Taylor Graves



(Above) NSU is represented with a lit set piece on the downtown riverbank during the Festival of Lights. The piece honored NSU's history with the three column symbol and year the University was establishe





op) Food vendors provide an array of choices for Christmas Festival attendees. On Christmas Festival day, the riverbank
d Front Street were littered with vendors.
ottom) Attendees of the Festival gather on the riverbank to enjoy food and wait for the annual fireworks and laser light
ow.

a growing tradition

Students, families, residents and visitors from around the country came together to start the Chrisumas season with Natchitoches' annual Christmas Festival.

"My favorite thing about the Christmas Festival is watching thousands of people travel to Natchitoches," Brooke Nielsen, sophomore fashion merchandise major, said. "Since this is my hometown, I have been going to the Festival since I was a little girl, so I think it is amazing to see so many tourists come to see something I have grown up around."

Thousands of people have not always attended the Festival.

Throughout the years, it grew and now has a history residents of Natchitoches can be proud of, Chelsea Giles, Natchitoches resident and junior family and consumer science major, said.

"And it is something that our town is known for," Giles said.

The Festival began in 1926 when the Power & Light Department decided to string Christmas lights along Front Street as a Christmas gift to the city. As the years went by, more lights were added around town, until the entire historic district and riverbank were covered in lights.

"I drive down Front Street at night in December, even when it is not the quickest route because I love the lights so much," Maegan Morace, sophomore hospitality management and tourism major, said.

Each year more lights were added and the celebration of turning on the lights quickly grew. Fireworks were first displayed at the Festival in the 1930s and developed into a fireworks and laser light show set to music.

"I got to watch the fireworks from a barge this year, and it was absolutely wonderful," Nielsen said. "I thought the show was awesome and seems to get better every year."

To attract residents and visitors to Natchitoches earlier in the day, the City decided to have a Christmas parade travel through downtown in the early afternoon. The parade began small, but grew to include NSU and local high school bands, dance lines, cheerleaders, and more. Each year the parade finished with a special guest: Santa Clause.

"I enjoyed seeing the band, cheerleaders and more because it was cool to see people I have classes with in the parade," Giles said.

As the Festival grew and people started coming earlier in the day, churches and nonprofit groups began selling food to the attendees. Now, the downtown riverbank and Front Street were filled with food vendors providing visitors with a large variety of southern cooking and local cuisine.

"I love the Natchitoches Meat Pies, but my favorite thing to eat at the Festival is alligator on a stick," Hannah Oge, freshman nursing major, said.

After 83 years, the Natchitoches Christmas Festival grew into an event in which every student and their families could experience.

"Natchitoches comes alive during Christmas Festival, and family and people who have moved away or don't live here at all come to enjoy the festivities," Morace said.

Taylor Graves

Anyone can wear a crown

but it takes a lady to wear a bracelet

Beauty, poise and talent: three of the many things that comprise Miss Northwestern Lady of the Bracelet.

Brittany Pippen, 2009 Miss Lady of the Bracelet, passed her crown to Carley McCord, senior criminal justice and Spanish major, this February.

"It was definitely bittersweet passing on my crown," Pippen said.

"I was so excited for Carley, and I know she will do an amazing job representing NSU. Yet at the same time it was a bit sad because the year really and truly did pass by way too fast."

Miss Lady of the Bracelet had been McCord's dream and the reason she began pageantry. She had competed in Miss Lady of the Bracelet before, placing first runner up and winning the swimsuit competition in 2008. She was scheduled to compete again in the 2009 pageant, but was unable after being crowned Miss Holiday in Dixie.

"I was never nervous [about this pageant] because it was in God's hands," she said. "I knew how hard I worked and I knew how badly I wanted it, but I also knew that the deserving girl would be crowned. And thank God that was me."

"When they called my name," she continued, "I was filled with relief, joy and excitement. Saying that I was ecstatic would be an understatement."

McCord didn't have her best night, she said. She felt the sound system was giving her trouble, prohibiting her from hearing the background music to her talent song-"Don't Rain on My Parade" from "Funny Girl"- and her ball gown was a little too big after losing weight during the week from being busy with rehearsals. Her dress even caused her to trip while on stage.

"I tripped on my gown because it was falling off of me," she said. "It was not that noticeable, but again that's what I get for losing too much weight due to stress."

"I just wanted to win so badly that stress came along with the long preparation," she continued. "But I knew that the judges know how badly I wanted it."

The pageant was comprised of four elements: swimsuit, ball gown, talent and interview. Each designed to measure the internal and external elements of beauty in each contestant.

Whitney Mixon placed first runner up and won both the swimsuit and ball gown portions of the pageant.

"I truly felt calm throughout the entire pageant until standing on stage waiting for the awards to be announced," Mixon said. "I was so excited to hear my name called for the swimsuit and evening gown awards. I was proud of my performance throughout the night and am so thankful for placing first runner up and receiving $1,500 in scholarship money. It was a good moment."

Mixon danced to "Kissing You" by Des'ree Weeks from the modern version of the movie, "Romeo and Juliet."

"I loved the conviction in the artists' voice and the emotion surrounding the song," she said. "I fell head over heels for that piece of music bought the soundtrack and created my ballet routine."

Mixon also began the Miss America pageant circuit with hopes of becoming Miss Northwestern Lady of the Bracelet. She was scheduled to compete in the 2009 pageant, but was unable after being crowned Miss City of Pineville.

"I have always been active on campus and loved being involved," she said. "I have grown to love Northwestern and all it stands for. I wanted to compete for the opportunity to represent NSU in the community and on a state pageant level."

"I also entered the pageant for the experience," she continued. "I thought it would be fun, and I was right. It was."

Haley Warrick, sophomore biology major, placed second runner up. She performed Ballet en Pointe for her talent.

Jessica Lopez, senior liberal arts major, joined the Miss Lady of the Bracelet stage for the second year, winning the talent competition again with her aria vocal piece. She placed first runner up and won talent in the 2009 pageant.

The pageant combined six women of six different backgrounds and talents on one stage. But there was one woman who had the audience standing in applause.

"My favorite part was the standing ovation after I jump roped," Whitney Wilson said.

Wilson, junior business administration major and liberal arts major in the Scholars' College, won the Liz Carroll People's Choice Award after performing a jump rope routine to "Like to Move it."

"I was super excited about People's Choice," she said. "I knew that I had pleased the crowd through their cheers, but for them to actually vote for me overall was awesome."

"I was extremely happy to have the majority of the audience vote



Whitney Wilson
Liz Carroll People's Choice Award Winner



Jessica Lopez
Talent Winner



Whitney Mixon
First Runner Up, Swimsuit Winner and Evening wear Winner



Carley McCord
Miss Lady of the Bracelet

meet miss lady of the bracelet

or me," she continued. "Once my name was called, I knew I had done what I wanted—to please the crowd."

Jump rope was an obvious choice for Wilson. She began jump oping in the 5th grade after her best friend asked her to try out for he "Jazzy Jumpers," a local jump-rope team in Haughton, La. She has ompeted in regional and national jump-rope competitions, and was ven on ESPN for jump rope.

"The main reason I participated [in the pageant] was to show ev- ryone my talent," she said. "I wanted people to know that there are nique talents out there that a lot of people don't know about. I done ageants growing up until I was about ten, and then I did two in high chool. I sort of know what the pageant life was all about, and I wanted o get back into that."

Lauren Waguespack, junior theatre major, also found her home on tage at the pageant.

"Give me a stage and a microphone, and I am the happiest girl in he world," she said.

Waguespack was named Miss Congeniality. She sang "Find Your Grail" from the musical "Spamalot" for her talent.

"I decided to do this pageant because I want to represent this chool," she said. "I told myself that by coming here to Northwestern, could change my life for the better and be a part of everything I can."

Regardless of the different backgrounds and talents each contes- ant brought to the stage, they each had one link in common: their assion for Northwestern.

"I plan to represent this university that I love so much," McCord aid. "I plan to bring out the best of school spirit among the student ody, make many appearances, recruit high school seniors and pro- ote the Miss LOB pageant. I want to be an LOB that everyone will emember for years to come."

"I want to make a statement and people in the future to say, 'She id great things for NSU," McCord continued.

But after passing the crowning, the applause and the celebration, ippen had one last thing to pass to McCord.

"My advice to Carley is to treasure every single moment," Pippen aid. "It goes by so quickly so be as involved as she can and know that he will get out of it what she puts into it."

Bethany Frank



Haley Warrick
Second Runner Up



Lauren Waguespack
Miss Congeniality

Why did you get started in pageantry?
Shhh...Don't tell but I used to actually think pageants were bogus, rigged, competitions that required girls to be judged on beauty But it was my older sister who told me about LOB my senior year in high school and how I should do it, so from then on it was a goal of mine. So actually it was because of LOB that I got involved in the Miss America Organization and realized that it had so much more to do with the overall package rather than just beauty.

What is your proudest pageant moment?
It would have to be a tie between winning Miss Holiday in Dixie 2009 and Miss LOB 2010. Holiday in Dixie was special because it was my first title and LOB was very special because it was the reason I got involved in pageants, and it was a goal of mine for a long time.

What is your most embarrassing pageant moment?
Probably slipping on stage in evening gown at LOB this year. HAHA! That's what I get for losing too much weight before the pageant and my dress falling off of me!

What has pageantry taught you?
It has taught me all about being a true woman of character. I have grown so much from it and it has absolutely made me a better person.

Who is your role model and why?
My role model is Katherine Putnam, Miss Louisiana 2009. She has always been such a classy, talented, young lady with high hopes and dreams, and she always achieves her goals successfully.

If you could make one change at NSU, what would it be?
Can we get some more parking places please?!? Oh and more food options would be nice...a subway or chick-fil-a. More franchise options.

What is the 'oddest' interview question you have ever been asked while competing in a pageant?
Well there has never been an interview where I have not been asked about being a nationally ranked powerlifter. But, I believe it was in the Miss Natchitoches City of Lights pageant in 2008 where I was asked, "What is it like wearing those tight little suits, with a straining face to lift that huge weight off the ground?" I replied, "Well I have to get on stage in front of you tonight in a bikini and act like I am hott stuff, so I would say it is the same feeling."

What is the hardest part about being a crown holder?
It gets difficult to balance school, work, doing service work and preparation for the next pageant. I have somehow been able to do it and come out alive haha!

What is your favorite book and why?
The Lovely Bones by Alice Sebold. I read it in high school and it was just so good and interesting! Now it is a movie in theatres!

What is your advice to any woman wanting to get involved in a pageant?
Do not doubt yourself. Never worry about the other competitor and be the best you can be. Cliche, but TRUE!





Her journey to Miss Louisiana was filled with paperwork, diets, current events, exercise, platform promotion and talent practice.

"I really think that a lot of people underestimate pageant girls," McCord said. "I think people just think these girls just go out there and walk across the stage. But that's not it at all. It is so much more than that. It is so hard."

The week of Miss Louisiana, while hard, was a week McCord said she would never forget. It was so stressful she lost four pounds, causing her to have to literally glue her thousand-dollar evening gown to her so it would stay up during the pageant, she said.

"That was real stressful," McCord said. "Just the fact going through rehearsal knowing that your evening gown didn't fit you after walking off the stage was another thing. That would be anybody's worse nightmare to walk on stage and have your dress fall off."

The typical Broadway, show-tune singer took a risk at Miss Louisiana and sang, "I Surrender" by Celine Deon. While it was out of her element, it was the best she had sung.

"It was a life lesson," McCord said. "You learn you work so hard for something, and everyone else is working just as hard for. All those girls worked just as hard as you did, and at the end you are all good and you are all winners, but there is only one winner."

"I was moving my dress so [the girl behind me] could be crowned, and I fell," Carlee McCord said about being crowned Miss Holiday in Dixie. "I was so shocked. You would have thought I won a million dollars."

McCord, junior criminal justice major, competed in five pageants within a year after her pageant premier in the 2009 Miss Northwestern Lady of the Bracelet in order to attend Miss Louisiana Pageants were not something McCord would typically consider doing

"I honestly had no idea why anyone would want to walk across the stage in heels and be judged," McCord said. "I couldn't see why anyone would want to do that. I don't like being judged, not in a swimsuit and heels."

But after her sorority needed a representative for Miss LOB, she found pageantry something she enjoyed.

"It makes you into a better woman," she said. "Even though your crown isn't always on your head, people still look up to you as if it is."

McCord had the opportunity to travel as Miss Holiday in Dixie, including the opportunity to meet the Blue Angels. She also traveled to New York for a fundraiser for her platform; where she learned a lesson from a little girl she would never forget.

"I just want to wiggle my toes," a girl at the fundraiser sai

"We take advantage of walking to our cars in the mornin and this little girl just wants to wiggle her toes," McCord said.



Miss America bound

pageant path

utt glue, hair spray, concealer, talent and charm. And a little bit of file' tossed over the shoulder for good luck.

Four NSU women were armed and ready for the battlefield that was the Miss Louisiana Pageant.

It was a time for the women to flaunt their beauty, earn scholarships and compete for the coveted crown and honor that accompanied the title of Miss America.

Carlee McCord, Miss Holiday in Dixie; Brittany Pippen, Miss Northwestern Lady of the Bracelet; Whitney Mixon, Miss City of Pineville; and Mandi Ridgdell, Miss Louisiana Jazzland, joined 25 women in Monroe, La in June to compete for the Miss Louisiana Crown.

Each contestant brought something special to the pageant, but the four NSU women each took away a little something extra.

Bethany Fran

"I don't consider myself the typical pageant girl," Brittany Pippen, Miss Northwestern Lady of the Bracelet, said. "I was very athletic in high school, but I have seen the difference that one person can make with their platform."

Pippen, sophomore psychology major, was no stranger to leadership. She was her high school valedictorian, an NSU student ambassador and held various officer positions in student organizations. She has also been a crown holder four times since she was 12, with Miss LOB being her first Miss America preliminary.

"[Winning] was unexpected as a freshman," she said of her Miss LOB crowning. "That moment was indescribable."

Pippen tried to practice qualities a role model should possess by being a good leader, standing up for what she believed in and making good decisions.

Miss Louisiana enabled Pippen to meet crown holders from across the state.

"It really motivated me to be a better person because there are just some amazing women," she said. "I look at them and they have just done so much, you know, to help other through their personal platform or through Children's Miracle Network."

Pippen worked on promoting both the CMN platform, raising $3,000 through softball tournaments, raffle and T-shirt sales, and her personal platform, "Love the Skin You're In," during her journey to Miss Louisiana.

Pippen worked on raising awareness by hosting events for her personal platform, which focuses on eating disorders.

"I do believe that today's society places such a high value on, especially women, being thin," she said. "An unrealistic size 0 or two. And that's not the average size of girls in America. And a lot of people, especially teenagers and college young women, are comparing themselves to the 'Paris Hiltons' and the unrealistic size, and they are going to drastic measures to get there."

Pippen enjoyed participating in the Miss Louisiana activities such as the fashion show, visiting the children at the hospital, spending time with the other contestants and dancing on stage.

"I am not a dancer," she said. "I can't dance, but just being able to get out there with the girls and relax and have a good time. The girls are so nice. They are not as catty as everyone thinks. I just had a blast."

While on-stage question was the most nerve-wracking for Pippen, it was the part she liked the best.

"It is when you get to show off your personality and not walking around in a bathing suit," she said. "You get to let others know who you are."

Pippen performed a song by Jordan Sparks, "This is My Now," about a girl being scared to accomplish her dreams and then all of a sudden realizing "this is my now," Pippen said.

"It kind of had an inner meaning," she said. "That is kind of how I felt on that stage and kind of the message I want to get out."





"I just wanted to hang with the big girls," Whitney Mixon, Miss City of Pineville, told her mom about pageantry. "In junior high, all the girls looked like princesses," she said. "So I was kind of like, I want to dress up and wear a pretty gown. From there as I got older, I got interested in the bigger [pageants]."

Mixon, sophomore psychology major, found a new sense of courage on the pageant stage and learned a little bit more about herself.

"It was something I wanted. It was something I had to overcome," she said. "I never would have thought that I would be competing in a pageant like Miss Louisiana because I didn't think I could go in front of my entire student body or 200 strangers and get in a swimsuit and heels."

While it isn't everyday she walked around in 5-inch heels and a swimsuit, Mixon enjoyed the challenge and felt it prepped her for real life.

"I'm not saying that hair, heels and make up is real life because no one looks like that everyday," she said. "But the different skills and the different things you learn about yourself help you."

Pageantry affects everyone differently. Some people take on negative connotations, but it is something people will either love or hate, Mixon said.

Her best advice: Just go for it.

"Put all your fears aside and get ready for the experience because you learn a lot about yourself," she said. "Go in it with an open mind, and truly…be yourself because there is never going to be that pageant mold. There is never going to be that Pageant Patty that every judge wants."

Mixon danced the jazz routine "One Night Only" from Dream Girls at the pageant. Mixon has been "hooked" on dancing since Kindergarten after realizing gymnastics was not for her, she said.

"It is a sense of freedom," she said. "It is kind of like acting. You can be someone else. The tone of the dance can convey your emotions, and it's a good source of exercise. I guess it is just that expression that I love so much."

Being on stage Mixon found an adrenaline rush, much like that an athlete feels, she said.

"It is such a good feeling of knowing that you have worked so hard for a show, and then you are finally up there. You are finally doing it," she said. "It is kind of a blur afterward because you don't remember exactly what happened while you were there, but it is definitely one of those things where you are like finally. I finally got here. I'm finally doing what I love and all the hard work paid off."



The Miss Louisiana stage was not new territory for Miss Louisiana Jazzland, Mandi dgdell. Ridgdell competed in Miss Louisiana the year before as Miss Northwestern Lady of e Bracelet, where she placed top ten, won talent preliminaries and won People's Choice.

"Competing in Miss Louisiana last year was one of the most amazing experiences of y life," she said. "I learned that I could set a goal for myself, and then through hard work and edication, I can reach that goal and beyond."

Ridgdell competed in eight pageants to return to the Miss Louisiana stage, where she on talent and placed first runner-up at almost all of them, she said.

"I have my eyes on a bigger goal," she said. "I want to be Miss America."

Ridgdell was awarded Miracle Maker after raising more than $16,000 for Children iracle Network, the Miss America Platform. She collected donations and held a variety of vents including "Go Green for CMN" at her brother's high school, where students could wear een for a dollar, raising more than $1,000. She was also awarded non-finalist talent.

"[Talent] is one of the hardest nights, but I am still new to pageants, and talent is my ome," she said. "Talent represents me. That's when my real personality comes through."

The 2009 May theater graduate dreamt of being on Broadway and opening her own udio. She began perusing that dream in New York after graduation, auditioning for Disneyland kyo.

"Theater is what I grew up doing," she said. "I was dyslectic, never good at sports. I was od at acting, so I ran with it."

While Ridgdell enjoys the stage, she noted an important different between theater and geantry.

"In a show you are a character, and you can take a moment out of reality, but a pageant you are yourself. It's more nerve-wracking," she said.

Ridgdell found strength in her mom, who was always there for her, and in Judy Garland, who proved everyone wrong after being told she was too fat to play Dorothy.

"I can relate to a lot of girls," Ridgdell said. "I wasn't always popular, never the cheerleader, but I had fun."

Her biggest lesson from Miss Louisiana: Be yourself.

"Simple, but one thing I learned," she said.

"First run at Miss Louisiana, I was still on 'Cloud 9' that I had the bracelet, and I was just trying to be a good representative for Northwestern," Ridgdell said. "[The second time] I tweaked myself to be what the organization wanted. If you are yourself, you can't hide that."



"I think it is so important for students to get involved in their college. Your college is something you want to take pride in as it is where your future begins. Through college you meet tons of people who end up being lifelong friends. Whether it is through clubs, organizations, fraternities/sororities, etc. the common ground of the student body is from day one of your college career you are now a "Demon" and will be for the rest of your life. Through involvement in school functions and sporting events connections and memories are made that one will never forget."
-Hannah Perot, senior biology major

"I think it's important that students get involved, but not to the point where their involvement jeopardizes their college career. With that being said, I still think students should open their minds to some sort of involvement as small as it may be just to heighten their experience in college and of the college community and lifestyle."
-Baylen Johnson, senior math and social sciences major

"It depends. A few important questions I think students should ask themselves are 'How does joining this organization benefit me?,' 'Will I get anything out of going to this event?' Of course this only applies in cases where the getting involved was for something other than for fun."
-Tyler Williams, senior music education major

School

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At one point in NSU's history, Louisiana Tech was its biggest rival During Tech Week, which was one of the school's biggest celebrations according to "Northwestern at 125," the aviation students made "Wrecl Tech" flyers and flew over Tech, dispersing the flyers onto their campus But their plan failed. Their navigations were off by a few miles, and the fly ers were dropped onto Grambling State University's campus.

That sort of school spirit was not seen at NSU this year, Matthew English, senior psychology major, said.

"I think people do a lot of organizational joining, but not many stu dents hang around for the athletic events," English said. "We never hav more than 50 percent of our stands full at any event."

Tyler Williams, senior music education major, was one the few wh attended games.

"During the fall I go to all the home football games," Williams saic "Since I am in the marching band, I have no choice to attend."

However, Adam Jonson, assistant marketing director for ticket opera tions, said the athletic department counted the number of students tha attended games through the Demon Rewards program. They counte more than 650 of 3000 on-campus students, or 25 percent of the stu dents on campus.

The Demon Rewards program was a program that gave student prizes for attending games.

Jonson added that this program was not the only thing that could b attributed for bringing in student involvement.

"We've made some renovations and additions to our venues that w think add to the looks of the facilities and the game atmosphere, as well a adding some new promotions that give fans another reason to be at th games," Jonson said. "It's imperative not to rely on wins and losses to ger erate a crowd, so we know we must continually add value to our event to ensure the fans enjoy themselves."

He explained that new banners at Turpin Stadium and the signs i Prather Coliseum improved the look of the facilities.

Students were also able to participate in events at games. With Rais ing Cane's as a corporate sponsor, they were able to provide student with more entertainment at the basketball games, including the Cane Challenge and free t-shirts, and the Caniac of the Year Challenge, whic gave a year of free Raising Cane's to the student who attended the mos basketball games.

Spirit

not

Students and fans also had the opportunity to win $10,000 with the 10,000 shot, which was an on-court promotion they could sign up for at e game.

Jonson said the athletic department did its best to keep student in- lvement high.

"Though we are encouraged by the percentage of students that at- nd games, it's our never-ending goal to continue to increase that num- er," he said.

Eddie Higginbotham, Student Activities Board president and health nd human performance major, said student involvement at campus vents was lower than in previous years.

"I have seen that in all facets of campus, not just Student Activi- es Board," Higginbotham said. "I know that some events may have less VOW-factor... due to budgets cuts, but it may also be attributed to PR sues and how all organizations may have to rethink the old way of doing hings."

Higginbotham added the resident halls, which were located on the r end of campus, were probably also to blame for the lack of student volvement.

"[It] makes the student union not the center of campus anymore and ss people have to come through it," he said.

Williams said music-related organizations were the only areas where e got involved. He was also a member of Baptist Collegiate Ministry.

"Why am I involved in all of these musical organizations? Simply be- ause I love music," he said. "Music is my life. I practically breathe in music love it so much. If I am not in any rehearsal, I am constantly whistling, umming or singing. Outside of music, I am also involved with the BCM. is good to be around people who share my faith in God and openly live r Him."

Eric Howard, senior business administration major, stayed active on ampus as the president of Helping Hands and as a member of multiple rganizations, but said he saw where there was a lack of student involve- ent.

"I feel that there could be more campus involvement but most stu- ents don't come to get involved in organizations, but come to school just r school," he said. "It takes a while for a student to know there are other hings that can make their college lives memorable."

Sarah Cramer

"It is important that students are involved in campus events and organizations because it provides the college experiences that each student sets out to obtain their freshman year. Involvement helps students shake off the feeling of being homesick and enjoy their college years with new friends they will never forget."
-Kimberly Green, senior family and consumer sciences major

"Student involvement helps to market the school. When a student is very involved and enjoying the things they do on campus, they tell other students that are close to them that their school has a lot to offer and there begins the ripple effect. But if the student does not have anything that attracts him/her to the campus, then they will see other places to please their desire to get involved."
-Eric Howard, senior business administration major

"It is important for students to get involved so that they can develop life-long relationships with people and connections for future involvements."
-Matthew English, senior psychology major

Laissez le Bon Temps Rouler

let the good times roll

The celebration of Mardi Gras was a big part of Louisiana and Southern traditions. School would let out, giving students a four-day weekend.

People would travel to New Orleans or back home to celebrate with friends and family. Others would stay in town and celebrate the "Natchitoches way."

The celebration of Mardi Gras included many traditions, which have changed depending on the country and people who celebrated.

The official day of Mardi Gras, or Fat Tuesday, has always been the day before the Catholic Lenten season began. People celebrated by dressing up in costumes and masks, having parades and indulging in rich, fatty foods.

Traditionally, the King Cake was the main fatty food eaten. The cake was usually round and decorated with purple, gold and green icings. A plastic baby, to represent baby Jesus, would be placed somewhere in the cake. Whoever ate the piece with the baby would have to supply the King Cake for next year.

The use of color was a big part of the Mardi Gras tradition. Purple, gold and green, used in decorations, beads, masks and more, each had a symbolic meaning. Purple symbolized justice. Gold was for power. Green was for faith.

Throughout the years, these three colors have been the main colors in any Mardi Gras celebration.

Even people's moods changed during Mardi Gras celebrations.

"My favorite thing about Mardi Gras is the spirit behind it all," Justin Aymond, junior criminal justice major, said. "No one is ever in a bad mood when they're at Mardi Gras."

When Mardi Gras started being celebrated in Louisiana by the French Creoles and Cajuns, old traditions continued and new traditions emerged.

New Orleans, for example, was known for its parades, beads and masks. This was where the saying "throw me something, mister" originated because women would yell it while trying to get beads thrown at them during parades. Many students went to celebrate Mardi Gras in New Orleans because of the amount of partying done there.

"I went to New Orleans because life is too short to pass up a party when great friends are by your side," Jarred Knight, sophomore business major, said.

One of the oldest traditions was the tradition of chasing chickens.

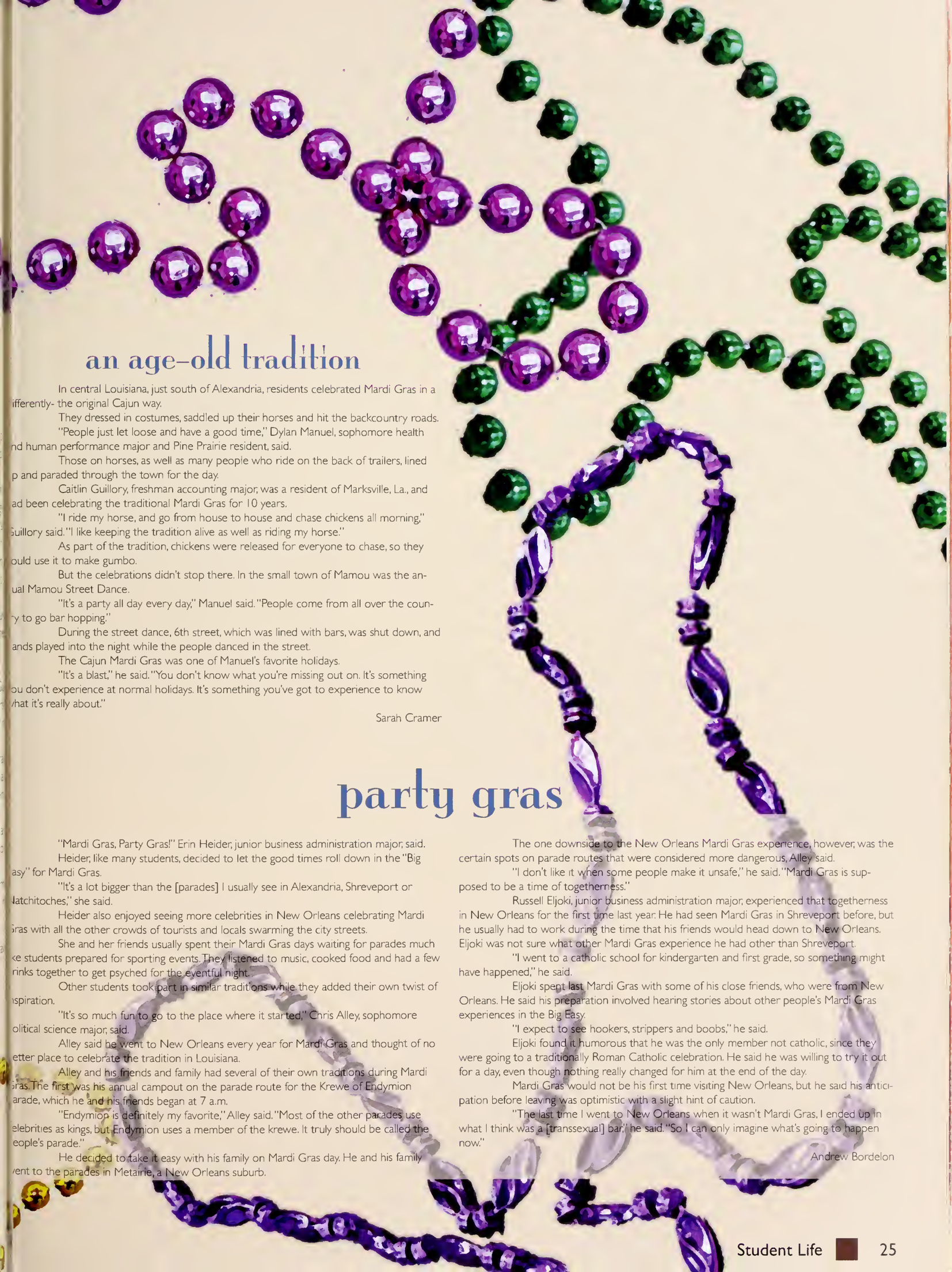
"I actually am a big fan of the old fashioned Mardi Gras," Caitlin Guillory, freshman accounting major, said. "Where it originally began on horseback and chasing chickens. I was raised that way, and I enjoyed riding my horse and reliving the original Mardi Gras."

Natchitoches also had its own celebration. A kid-and-dog parade traveled through downtown in the afternoon, and the main parade made its way around town throwing beads, masks, cups and more at residents, students and tourists in the evening.

Some students did not spend their long weekend celebrating Mardi Gras. They went home to visit friends and family and relax, instead of joining in the traditional celebrations.

"I don't celebrate Mardi Gras at all," Kali Davenport, sophomore music major, said. "I'm from Texas, so I'm going home to relax and see my family."

Taylor Grave



an age-old tradition

In central Louisiana, just south of Alexandria, residents celebrated Mardi Gras in a ifferently- the original Cajun way.

They dressed in costumes, saddled up their horses and hit the backcountry roads.

"People just let loose and have a good time," Dylan Manuel, sophomore health nd human performance major and Pine Prairie resident, said.

Those on horses, as well as many people who ride on the back of trailers, lined p and paraded through the town for the day.

Caitlin Guillory, freshman accounting major, was a resident of Marksville, La., and ad been celebrating the traditional Mardi Gras for 10 years.

"I ride my horse, and go from house to house and chase chickens all morning," Guillory said. "I like keeping the tradition alive as well as riding my horse."

As part of the tradition, chickens were released for everyone to chase, so they ould use it to make gumbo.

But the celebrations didn't stop there. In the small town of Mamou was the an- ual Mamou Street Dance.

"It's a party all day every day," Manuel said. "People come from all over the coun- y to go bar hopping."

During the street dance, 6th street, which was lined with bars, was shut down, and ands played into the night while the people danced in the street.

The Cajun Mardi Gras was one of Manuel's favorite holidays.

"It's a blast," he said. "You don't know what you're missing out on. It's something ou don't experience at normal holidays. It's something you've got to experience to know hat it's really about."

Sarah Cramer

party gras

"Mardi Gras, Party Gras!" Erin Heider, junior business administration major, said.

Heider, like many students, decided to let the good times roll down in the "Big asy" for Mardi Gras.

"It's a lot bigger than the [parades] I usually see in Alexandria, Shreveport or latchitoches," she said.

Heider also enjoyed seeing more celebrities in New Orleans celebrating Mardi Gras with all the other crowds of tourists and locals swarming the city streets.

She and her friends usually spent their Mardi Gras days waiting for parades much ke students prepared for sporting events. They listened to music, cooked food and had a few rinks together to get psyched for the eventful night.

Other students took part in similar tradi'ons while they added their own twist of spiration.

"It's so much fun to go to the place where it started," Chris Alley, sophomore olitical science major, said.

Alley said he went to New Orleans every year for Mardi Gras and thought of no etter place to celebrate the tradition in Louisiana.

Alley and his friends and family had several of their own traditions during Mardi Gras. The first was his annual campout on the parade route for the Krewe of Endymion arade, which he and his friends began at 7 a.m.

"Endymion is definitely my favorite," Alley said. "Most of the other parades use elebrities as kings, but Endymion uses a member of the krewe. It truly should be called the eople's parade."

He decided to take it easy with his family on Mardi Gras day. He and his family ent to the parades in Metairie, a New Orleans suburb.

The one downside to the New Orleans Mardi Gras experience, however, was the certain spots on parade routes that were considered more dangerous, Alley said.

"I don't like it when some people make it unsafe," he said. "Mardi Gras is supposed to be a time of togetherness."

Russell Eljoki, junior business administration major, experienced that togetherness in New Orleans for the first time last year. He had seen Mardi Gras in Shreveport before, but he usually had to work during the time that his friends would head down to New Orleans. Eljoki was not sure what other Mardi Gras experience he had other than Shreveport.

"I went to a catholic school for kindergarten and first grade, so something might have happened," he said.

Eljoki spent last Mardi Gras with some of his close friends, who were from New Orleans. He said his preparation involved hearing stories about other people's Mardi Gras experiences in the Big Easy.

"I expect to see hookers, strippers and boobs," he said.

Eljoki found it humorous that he was the only member not catholic, since they were going to a traditionally Roman Catholic celebration. He said he was willing to try it out for a day, even though nothing really changed for him at the end of the day.

Mardi Gras would not be his first time visiting New Orleans, but he said his anticipation before leaving was optimistic with a slight hint of caution.

"The last time I went to New Orleans when it wasn't Mardi Gras, I ended up in what I think was a [transsexual] bar," he said. "So I can only imagine what's going to happen now."

Andrew Bordelon

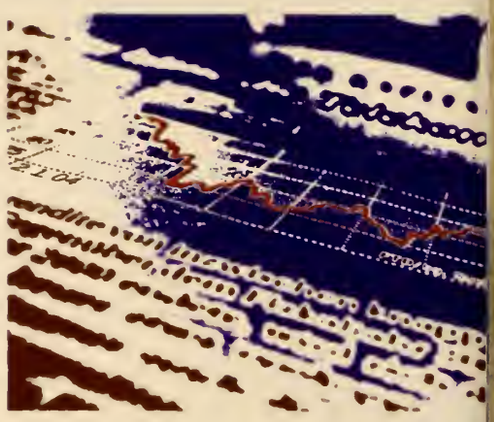
Ten Years and Counting

a look back through the decade



2001

The morning of September 11, 2001 brought one thing with it: tragedy. At 8:45 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time, a hijacked airplane crashed into one tower of the World Trade Center in New York City, N.Y. And, at 9:03, America watched as the second plane flew into the second tower, and as a third plane crashed into the Pentagon in Arlington, Va. A fourth hijacked plane crashed in Pennsylvania after passengers attempted to take control of the plane. That day, 2,973 victims lost their lives. A cross, made of one of the tower's structure, was left standing after the two towers fell, and was left as a memorial to the ones who died.

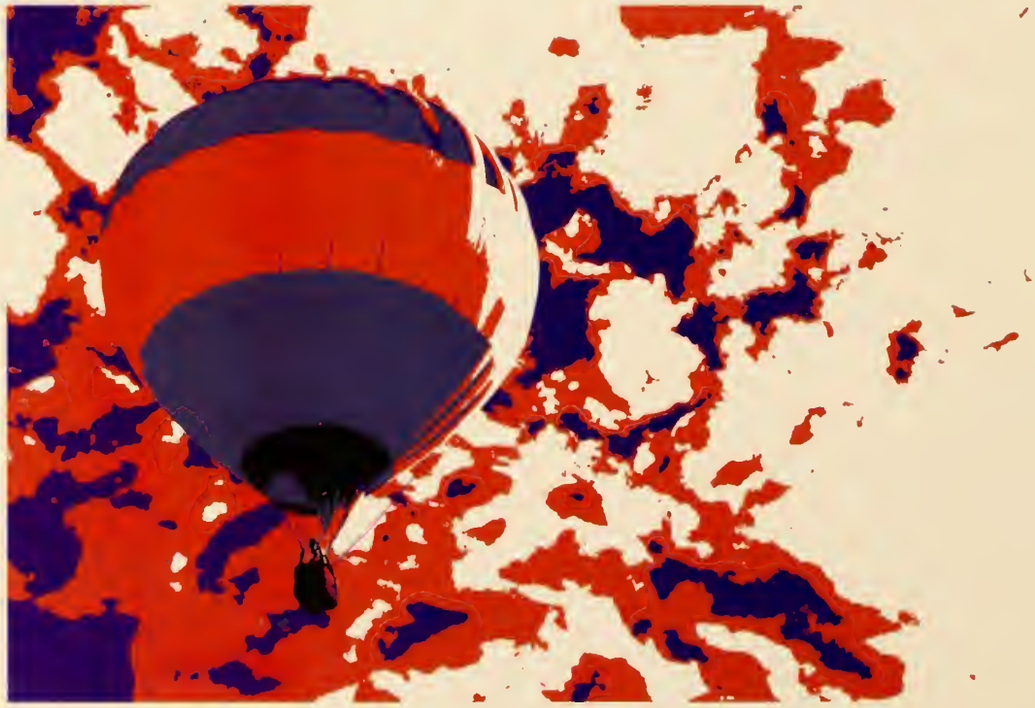


2008

The United States saw its biggest stock market crash in 1929, which led to the Great Depression. Monday, October 6, 2008, the stock market crashed again. While it did not throw the U.S. into another Great Depression, it sent the economy into a recession.

2004

After the creation of popular networking sites, like Facebook and MySpace, people had a whole new way to meet and stay connected with each other. Dating sites, such as eHarmony and Match.com, were created to help couples meet and fall in love.



2009

On October 15, 2009, six-year-old, Falco Heene, was thought to be floating miles high a homemade hot air balloon.

After chasing young Heene for nearly 5 miles, authorities discovered the balloon wa empty. The boy had been hiding in his parent attic. His father, Richard Heene, said his son ha been hiding in the attic after yelling at him.

When the family went on "Larry King Live the boy said he heard his family calling for hir When Heene asked why he never answere their calls, he replied, "You guys said we did th for the show."

Authorities investigated the situation, ar discovered that it was all just a hoax. Heene w sentenced to 90 days in jail, and his wife, Mayur Heene, was sentenced to 20 days of weeker jail.

2001–2010

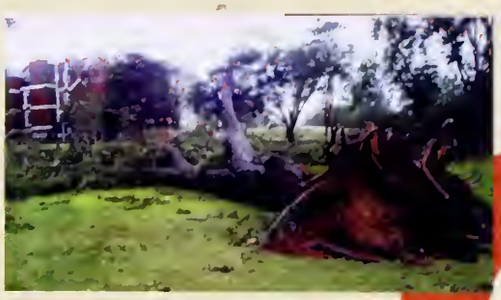
President George W. Bush and his administration went on a hunt for the man that was believed to have been behind the September 11th attacks: Osama Bin Laden. From that point on, the United States was in a war on terror.

Within the next nine years, two wars were declared, and by 2010, the U.S. was still at war.

October 7, 2001: The U.S. went to war with Afghanistan, or Operation Enduring Freedom, in response to the terrorist attacks. More than 980 Americans had lost their lives by 2010.

March 19, 2003: Bush declared war on Iraq. Troops invaded Iraq in order to find weapons of mass destruction. The number of American casualties by 2010 totaled 4,380.





2005–2008

In just three years, three major hurricanes battered the Louisiana coastline, and traveled up to the northwestern tip of the boot to Natchitoches.

August 28, 2005 Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans and the Gulf coast and claimed the lives of more than 1,800 people.

September 24, 2005 Hurricane Rita made landfall as a Category 3 hurricane, letting students out of school, leaving downed trees and power lines, and depleting Natchitoches of it's supply of gas.

September 1, 2008 Hurricane Gustav hit the Gulf coast, leaving Louisiana residents fearful after the storms that left the state devastated just three years before. Many Natchitoches locals were left without power for days.



2008

The presidential election of 2008 was unlike any other American presidential election in history. The democratic candidates were between an African American and a woman. Barack Obama defeated Hillary Clinton in the democratic primaries, and then the electoral college elected Obama into office November 4, as America's first black president.



2005

"Ready or Not, the Bird Flu is Coming to America," read a 2006 ABC News headline.

After watching the Avian influenza virus, or bird flu, spread across Asia, the birds migrated west toward the United States.

The U.S. began preparing for a serious pandemic in 2005, after the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention predicted that it could take the lives of more than 100,000 people.

The disease was carried by, and extremely contagious among, birds, and could be spread to humans who came in contact with infected birds.

Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, or SARS, was another outbreak the U.S. watched across the world just a few years before, in 2003.

While it never reached the states, the disease took 810 lives, according to the World Health Organization.

2001

Apple came up with an MP3 player that changed the way people listened to music. It held more than 10,000 songs at a time. The company then came out with the iPhone, iTouch and iPod.



2000



It was 1999, and the world in a state of panic. The turn of the millennium was coming, and computer experts feared computers would crash. To save memory, computers had been set with double-digits representing the year, rather than four digits. When the year turned to 2000, they were afraid computers would translate 00 to mean 1900. People began to prepare for the ultimate computer crash, which would cause computer systems across the world to fail. Grocery stores would not be able to operate, and banks would completely shut down. The panic was given the name "Y2K Bug" because it was the major computer bug of the year 2000. But when the clock struck midnight on January 1, 2000, there were no problems. No computers had crashed.



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The good, the bad and the ugly

living with roommates

The freedom of living on their own was a thrill sought by many new college freshmen. No parents, no limitations and a no holds barred party.

This experience could make or break a college career depending on how one began it. Students had to learn to balance their work and leisure time in order to be successful. When done properly it turned out to be a rewarding experience.

This was the case for Jessica Weeks, freshman biology major. It was her first genuine experience of living on her own, although she was accustomed to living away from her family for extended periods of time due to her summers away from home.

"I miss my family," Weeks said. "Mainly because of my mom's cooking."

When she moved away, she decided not to room with a high school friend and instead was paired with a random student. Her choice turned out to be for the better.

"I really lucked out with my roommate," she said.

Weeks was one of the lucky freshmen who got along with her roommate and got involved on campus by going through sorority rush and becoming a member of Phi Mu.

"I wouldn't have had the guts to do it if it wasn't for her," Weeks said.

Aside from their Greek experience, Weeks and her roommate spent time together going out around Natchitoches and had movie nights in their apartment.

Lindsay Morris had the opportunity to meet her roommate before moving in together. Even though they got to know each other early on they still didn't see eye-to-eye.

"We live together, but we don't speak to each other," Morris said. "We had a huge fight the first weekend of school."

Some of the arguments they had involved each other's food and apartment cleanliness. She said that other than that she liked the building and loved NSU.

Another student, however, fell into a middle-ground between a good and bad roommate relationship.

"We didn't spend much time together," Lucas Riche', freshman electronic engineering technology major, said.

Riche' said he spent the majority of his free time with his friends he already knew from high school. He also said he usually spent time back home when he wasn't with his old friends since his family only lived about an hour away from Natchitoches.

"My roommate would usually do his own thing with his friends," Riche' said. "It's not like we didn't get along. We just weren't as close as we were to our other friends."

Andrew Bordelon

on-campus living

Campus Living Villages constructed the University Columns apartments, one of three choices of residencies for students, in 1994. The other two are University Place Phase I and University Place Phase II. All together, the apartments can hold up to 1298 students.

The University Columns apartments had a kitchen, unlike the University Place apartments. A few major difference between the new residential apartments and older style college dorms were the personal bathrooms in each room, a common living room and a small kitchen that included: a sink, cabinets, medium-sized fridge

The lifestyle transition from her home to college was about what Weeks expected, but she had a few dislikes about her apartment at University Place Phase II.

"We need a trash service," she said. "I had to pay a guy down the hall with cookies to take out my trash."

Weeks said she thought the accommodations were superior to those offered at other universities.

"I've seen dorms on other campuses, and they're ridiculous," Weeks said.

She appreciated having her own bathroom and more space than average dormitories on other college campuses, which were sometimes not much bigger than a prison cell. These accommodations left students' complaints about the buildings to a minimum.

"We get some complaints about noisy neighbors," Stephanie Dyjack, Campus Living Villages, said.

Campus Living Villages also managed Varnado Hall when it went back into use as a student housing building. Varnado was not originally intended to be used for student housing over the past year.

"A higher percent of [lease] renewals led to less space available for incoming students," Dyjack said.



a change of plans

One-hundred forty students' plans and living arrangements for the past year were rejected due to the overcrowding of the new apartment buildings on campus.

The deadline for priority housing was March 1 for the apartments of Campus Living Villages. That deadline left those who applied as late June 1 on a waiting list to receive housing in one of the three apartment complexes. Those students on the waiting list were forced to reside in Varnado Hall, an old dormitory building. The main lobby area was refurbished to accommodate the students who lived there.

Most of them, however, were not happy with having to stay at the old dormitory. There were communal bathrooms and showers in Varnado, unlike the accommodations at the apartments provided by Campus Living Villages. Keneisha Smith, sophomore biology major, had applied to stay in the University Columns over the summer, but ended up having to live in Varnado Hall.

"We were notified...on the week of move-in," Smith said.

This was the case for many of the students who were forced to live in Varnado Hall dormitory instead of their requested housing arrangements, and some were even more shocked at the change than others. Andrew Martin, freshman sports exercise and health science major, had applied to live in the University Columns in January, but was told two weeks before he was to move to Natchitoches that he would be staying at Varnado instead.

"We were told we were put on a waiting list for the other dorms," Martin said.

The number of students that resided in Varnado Hall slowly declined as the fall semester progressed because of spots that became available from students who did not show up or were ineligible to stay. As apartments opened up at University Columns and the two University Place apartment buildings, students slowly moved out of the old dormitory.

what was your roommate experience?



"Fulton Fest with Nathan Clark and Matt Doucet. Enough said. Fulton Fest is the party we throw at the end of every semester. Good food, good music, good times."
-Dusty Dischler

"During Christmas, my cousin, favorite roommate and I all enjoyed a nice evening watching the fireworks. It was nice not having my 'party animal' roommate there to complicate things."
-Jessica Leblanc, freshman accounting major





"My best roommate experience would be developing a close relationship with Phil Lavergne. When I left one weekend, he cleaned he entire room, organized my papers, and left 'I miss my brother' notes all over the room."
-Edward Smith, junior psychology major

"I got my first roommate at University Place. The first day he got arrested for smoking pot in our room. I laughed at the idiot."
-Brent Lachney, senior hospitality management and tourism major





"My roommates are the best. When the lights went out, everyone called their friends to come over, and we ended up with 15 people in our apartment playing Mafia."
-BreAuan Case, freshman nursing major

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lights, camera, action

Movie and TV clips, music videos, video blogs, how-to's and original videos were just some of the vast majority of content hosted on the site that urged users to "Broadcast yourself." YouTube was a video sharing website owned by Google Inc. Registration on the site was not required to view videos, but registered users were able to rate, comment, favorite and subscribe on videos, as well as post their own content. Each member had his or her own channel that displayed their videos along with other content of their choice. YouTube allowed students to pass the time, get help with homework or become known.

Amanda Duncil

How do you YouTube?

Of 174 students surveyed:

144 entertainment
119 listen to music
78 educationally
64 watch T.V. and movies
four advertise
two business-related
five other
six don't



Janie Juwisch, sophomore theater major
"I use YouTube to upload videos me and my friends make and to view other people. I'm not on it that often; just for the fun of it."



Sam Starr, senior biology major
"I use it to look up music videos. Every time something happens on T.V. and I miss it, I look it up on YouTube. I also use it as a teaching tool for teaching gymnastics and cheerleading. I've used it to look up T.V. shows every now and then."

tweeter

Home Profile Find People Settings Help Sign out

on-the-go communication

Sometimes called the "SMS of the Internet," Twitter was a social networking and micro-blogging website. Twitter allowed users to post their thoughts in 140-character messages called tweets or share pictures called Twitpics. Users could subscribe, or "follow," other members and view and comment on their tweets and Twitpics. In conjunction to the website, Twitter offered a free mobile counterpart that enabled them to post on the go by using an application on their phone. Twitter was most commonly known in the public for being able to keep up-to-date with celebrities and organizations, and was often a handy promotional tool for advertisers.

Amanda Duncil

What's going on?

I'm hungry |

update



Chelsea Giles, junior junior hospitality management and tourism major
"It's cool to see what celebrities do every day, and see people post pictures."



Andrew Mills, junior political science major
"I find Twitter pointless. I could care less who is doing what on Dec. 3rd at 2:00."



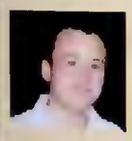
Nick Breaux, senior general studies major
"I enjoy using Twitter to follow current events, but I don't see the point in people updating their current status several times daily. In the eight months I've been on Twitter, I've only tweeted about 20 times."



Whitney Mixon, junior psychology major
"I found Twitter quite complicated to use. I'm primarily a Facebook user. I think Facebook is more functional to keep in touch with people. Twitter is just a lot of people's statuses."



Becky Fredieu, sophomore health and exercise science major
"I love that I have an opportunity to meet and talk to people that I would otherwise never encounter; from musicians, politicians, fitness gurus [and] actors."



Randall Frederick, English literature graduate student
"I prefer it over Facebook because I don't have to see games and quizzes every time I log in. It helps keep me updated with my friends without the drama."

What do you Tweet?

Of 173 people surveyed:

140 don't tweet
25 personally
17 entertainment
Three educationally
Five advertise
One for business
Two other reasons

Facebookin'

Keeping in touch with people was never easier. Facebook was the largest social networking website worldwide, allowing users to stay connected with virtually anyone. Members could join networks based on school, workplace or location. The website was useful for reconnecting with friends, linking up with business partners or finding new faces and sharing information.

"I have become very fond of Facebook in particular because it allows me to keep in touch with relatives and friends from all over the country," Ron'eeka Allyce Hill, junior English major said. "Classmates and colleagues of mine are even starting to share notes and other important information on the social networking site. I love it because it keeps me informed!"

Members created profiles to describe themselves and were able to control what information was visible to whom with customized privacy settings. They could chat with people they added as friends, post, comment on other's posts, and post and view pictures.

I give thanks to science for the car I drive, the antibiotics that save me + millions like me, the cell phone I have and Jesus for... None of the above.

Maybe you should sincerely call on the name JESUS. Ask Him for insight. WATCH things start to change. I've a relationship with HIM. He may not come when I want HIM to, but HE's always on time. TRY JESUS!!! Really

to the unbelievers

Father is a figment of our imagination

No, just a social construct created by man.

I believe He is real.

"Religion" is the worst idea ANYONE has ever come up with.

I agree!

Religion isn't. The ideas man has forced into it is!

AMEN! God is great

All the time!

What is the point of writing Bull Shit on toilets while pissing! If you don't believe in Jesus that your issue. I don't want 2 read it while I pee!

Bible

Mutally exclusive

Morality

"SCIENCE is a religion. Think about THAT!

Science flies people to HELL

Religion flies people into heaven

I believe to each their own. You can't change a person, so just pray for them. No sense in getting your pantus in a wad.

Have

religious

"Religion is just another paradigm for understanding the world," Dr. Mark Melder associate professor of sociology, said. "A different framework for explaining ev erything around you."

Melder explained one reason why religion is important on a college cam pus.

"Even if you are not a religious person, the religious beliefs of those who came before you have a shape on the world," Melder said.

Dr. Hesham Mesbah, Muslim and associate professor of journalism, expanded on thi reasoning.

"[It's] a mix between what you say and what you do," he said.

Like anything else, all beliefs have an origin.

"There is a high degree of continuity between parents' beliefs and students' or chil dren's beliefs," Melder said. "Although the intensity may vary over time, over distance students belief structure is shaped by their environment."

Bill Collins, director of Baptist College Ministry, said, "Being religious is not something we strive for, but growing in a personal relationship with God is at the center of what we do."

But throughout campus, not everyone practices religion in the same manner.

"Diversity is that base of any social community," Mesbah said. "People can never think the same way and do the same thing. And when you have diversity you have different o several points of view. I stress that whether you do or don't believe in God, you make sure that you are a good person who can do good for others. It doesn't matter what' your religion. It doesn't make you a better person that you are a Christian or that you are a Muslim."

Melder offered his thoughts on the role of religion at the university.

"This is a secular university," Melder said. "We are not religiously oriented."

With these different paradigms came struggles and trials that students faced on a dail basis.

"If you got someone who was forced to be at church every time the doors were oper they may get to college and cease to exist in that particular form," Melder said. "But the you have those that go the other way, and they may have grown up with a very lukewarm

Faith

igious environment. And the trauma of college, if that is the best way to put it, or the ess of college may actually serve to increase their faith. And may increase the amount of iance they place upon their own personal beliefs."

Sometimes the struggle was not over the 'trauma of college', but rather the existence divinity.

"Most students will struggle at sometime with the reality of God and how they are relate to him," Collins said. "Others that come to accept him struggle with giving the ntrol of their lives over to Him. It is a life-long journey, spiritually."

All faiths and creeds require some input. Sometimes discipline in the spiritual life re- ted in discipline in the classroom.

"You have to practice no matter what you believe. So when you do something it is od to be disciplined," Dr. Rafiqul Islam, associate professor of engineering technology, d.

Mesbah said being religious did not just make someone a good student. The effects religious discipline on a student helped that student become a better person. But not eryone believed religion was a positive influence in students' lives.

"On the contrary, I believe someone without religious affiliation stands a better chance becoming a better student," Matthew Zumwalt, atheist and senior sociology and history jor, said. "In my opinion, religion teaches intolerance and closed-mindedness. These are tors that can get in the way of learning, especially in topics such as evolution, eastern tory and the Big Bang Theory."

There were many ways for students to infuse this discipline in their lives. Yet one nefit of religion, other than the discipline to be a better person or student, was comfort.

"When students struggle, this ministry is here to support and encourage them," Col- s said. "As a campus minister, I am here to assist any student that has a need, and our ident group is as well."

All discussions of different spiritual backgrounds demand equality and an open mind, elder said.

"As long as we treat everyone with an even hand, then I don't see a problem with it."

Tom Lawler

There is not enough wall for this debate

Faith is based on hope.
Reason is based on Logic.

John 3:1

Read This

beautiful

What loser writes about love 3ft. From where people take a dump?

A constipated one.

Science deals with proof.

Think about that

Use examples I know of none.

I'd rather live on this earth like there is a God and die & find out there isn't one. Than to live on this earth like there isn't one & die and find out there is one!

Food for thought

Public restroom = philosophy forum.

FAITH.

God is amazing

Christians are the shiznit

What shall a man's punishment be if he rapes a woman who is not engaged?

-Well, according to your "bible" he shall only pay 50 shekels, have to marry her and then never divorce her!

Read Exodus.

'Til Death

feet first

Toby Winker was a senior computer information systems major. He went to class, worked with *The Current Sauce* and participated in AITP. And at the end of the day, he went home to his wife.

Toby met Hilary Ball their freshman year at Iberville Dining Hall. He was eating alone on a Thursday night when she and a mutual friend walked by, and the two were introduced.

"I made the joke," Toby said. "I said, 'Oh, when your parents got married they just had a ball.' She laughed, and I thought, huh, somebody laughs at my jokes."

It was his sense of humor that caught Hilary's attention that day, and the following days and nights that they saw each other.

"He made a couple of jokes about me eating a wrap, and I giggled and thought he was funny."

Toby even shared how he first tried to hold her hand the first night they hung out with friends.

"I thought my hand was bigger," he said as he demonstrated how he pretended to compare his to Hilary's, and then slipped his fingers through hers.

"They were asking, what's going on with you and Toby? What's going on with you and Toby? Y'all were flirting," Hilary said. "I didn't really know it was going on until about an hour later. He contacted me on AIM and asked me if I wanted to get to know him better."

And after two years of dating, Toby decided it was time for marriage.

"I came to the point where I realized our relationship is right here," he said. "We could either move forward or we could just stay here, possibly go back, and I didn't want that. So I said, alright, next step for us was to get married."

Toby prepared a slide show with the song,"The Love of My Life", by Michael W. Smith, which he picke especially for her, and pictures of the two of them he had taken off Face book.

"You can't really propose through a joke," he said. " just doesn't work. Even I can't come up with somethin like that."

Toward the end of the slide show, the word "please answer the following question based on thes clues" appeared, followed by a picture of Will Smith, ewe, a mare, a plus sign with the letter "e," and a pi ture of Toby.

"I was in shock, kind of excited," Hilary sai "Like I couldn't really believe what was happenin I really just saw what I saw, and he had in his hanc what he had in his hands."

"I had this all figured out," he said. "And sur enough, it worked out just like I was hoping it would

After a little more than a year-toby going t school, and Hilary working as a clerical assistant at Ha mony Home Health- the two were still married.

"The whole experience was something where w just kind of...dove in first, and then we checked ho deep the water was," Toby said. "But we can swim we together."

"[We were] at her mom house for a month until classe started up," he added. "W were sleeping on a futon."

That same futon, he said, wa the same one that sat in the livir room of their own home.

And as far as their colleg experience went, neither or of them would have it any oth way. While the two spent their da busy, they still found time to sper with each other.

"We know that in the ev hings is whenever we get see each other," Toby said.

Sarah Cram



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Do Us Part

whatever it takes

"We're both dorks," Shannon Williams, wife of Brian Williams, said.

"OK, I'm a dork," she added. "I'm slowly making him a dork, one event at a time."

Shannon and Brian said the two keys to a successful marriage were to be able to laugh at each other, and to know that it takes more than just love to make through a lifetime with someone.

"I feel like a lot of people who get married at our age just jump into it, you know, 'oh I love you I love you,' and love's enough and all that kind of stuff, but the truth is, love's not enough," Shannon said.

"You've got to get along on a lot deeper level," she added.

The two were married in June of 2007, and while going on three years, were just as happy as the day they got married.

"We never really fight," Shannon said.

Brian met his bride in 2005 when he was Vic the Demon and she was in the pep band.

Now he is a manager at Radio Shack, while Shannon is finishing her senior year as a vocal performance major and working as a part-time waitress at Chef Wok.

Brian said his full-time job made it difficult for the two of them to spend time with each other like they were able to when they were both in school.



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"It makes things hard, like doing dinner and stuff like that together," he said. "You really don't get to do it a whole lot."

But the couple made sure to set aside one day a week to spend time with each other.

"We've made it a point to say we're not scheduling anything away from each other on Sundays, just so we have that one day that we know we can spend time together," Shannon said. "If not, we get cranky."

They spent their Sundays "vegging out" and watching television after church.

"We usually just like to relax because we're so busy," Brian said.

And, after two and a half years, Shannon said they have hardly any conflict.

"Our biggest thing is I'm a mess. I'm a hot mess," she said. "Like, I'm a really messy person. When I clean, I clean aggressively. But when I'm really busy, I'll go home and I'll take off my clothes and put on my PJ's, and wherever my clothes and my PJ's happen to land is where they stay. And so like he gets mad at me because I don't clean as much."

She laughed and nudged her husband, "But my opinion is, he knew I was messy, and he should get over it."

But even when frustrated, the two were dedicated to a successful marriage from the start.

"I just knew that I would do whatever it took to make sure it worked," Brian said.

Sarah Cramer



To Drink or Not to Drink

the life of the party

Your heart starts beating with the music you heard the moment you left your car. Then the light scent of perfume and body odor tickle your nose, followed quickly by the stench of liquor and beer.

There are drinks all around, and laughter and conversation fill the barroom enough to cover the sound of a mediocre karaoke performer on stage. You occasionally have to dodge random ping-pong balls bouncing past your legs as beer pong competitors race for it. Eventually, you become another boisterous voice in the room.

"If there's alcohol, it's more sociable and more fun," Matt LeBlanc, senior business administration major, said.

LeBlanc usually met new people when he went out to the bar or to parties on the weekend. He also saw people loosen up more while drinking, which led to them meeting new people and making new friends.

"You're not likely to talk to someone you don't know in class, but if you see him or her at the bar then you might go talk to him or her," he said.

Hannah Scoggins, senior hospitality management and tourism major, chose not to drink when she started college because of personal reasons, much of which pertained to her religious beliefs.

"I think it's overrated," she said.

Scoggins spent her weekends back home or with friends when not working, but her nightlife with them did not involve the same barroom scene that was experienced by other students throughout the year. She preferred not to be around situations involving much alcohol.

"People just aren't themselves when they drink," she said. "Usually bad things will happen as a result, things that could've been prevented."

Another student shared Scoggins' opinion.

"I just don't see the fun in it," Rachael McGee, freshman biology major said.

McGee didn't have any serious personal reasons against drinking, and it was just something she preferred not to do.

"I'd rather be the designated driver," she said. "So [friends] don't have to worry about who's sober at the end of the night."

Justin Metoyer, junior health and physical education major, had the opposite to say about the way he spent his free time throughout the year. He preferred to spend his weekends at local bars and drinking with friends.

Metoyer normally mixed his nightlife up on weekends throughout the year and visited several of the bars in town. He said he usually went out every other night, and throughout the past few years he met more people going out to bars than he ever met on campus.

"It gives that extra edge to go out and meet new people," he said.

Metoyer admitted that drinking definitely affected his academics severely. He even said that he would most likely have been classified beyond a junior if his habits were different.

However, Metoyer eventually learned how to properly balance his academic and social experiences in college, he said. Even though he started to work on his academics more throughout the past year, he still saw the importance in spending some time relaxing from the stress of college.

"I think the social and nightlife in Natchitoches and at NSU would not be half as good if drinking wasn't involved," he said. "Drinking puts the icing on the cake."

Kristian Desselles, freshman nursing major, began her college experience with more drinking than she thought she should have, which led to her grades being affected as well.

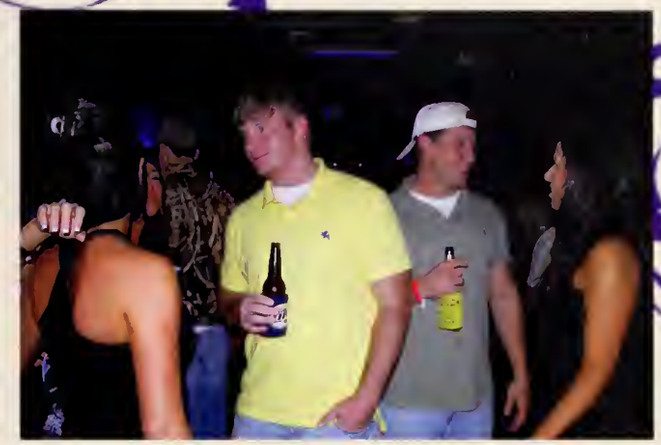
"I went out almost every night at first," she said. "I'd be too tired to go to class, or I would end up sleeping in my morning classes."

Desselles learned how to balance her nightlife and academics in order to save her GPA and continued having a good time.

"I started only going out any night I didn't have school the next day," she said.

She also said she met the most amount of new people while going out. One of the most common forms of interaction was when some





Brad Deville, senior criminal justice major, and Dave Perry, senior business administration major, socialize with girls at the bar. Spending time at local bars was a way for students to meet new people.



Students hang out and dance at The Student Body, a local nightclub. Students used such venues to be sociable outside of the classroom.

er close friends would introduce her to new groups of people while they ere out.

"Just being [out] helps you meet people, but after you've been drinkg you talk to more people," Desselles said.

Drinking was not necessarily a requirement to make students be ore sociable though, she said.

Another student held similar views about drinking as Desselles had by e end of her first year in college.

"I can have fun without it," Danielle Antoon, senior hospitality mangement and tourism major, said.

Antoon said as she got older she learned how to properly balance the cial and academic sides of college. Like Desselles, she started her freshan year with a goal to party, but eventually grew out of it. Now, she saw similarity in many new students.

"I think everybody who drinks does it," Antoon said. "People are xcited to get away from their parents and have fun."

The effects of drinking from a social standpoint were apparent in her ghtlife as well, and she noticed certain students who would have been ore timid during social occasions step out of their shell to meet new eople while drinking.

"If you're not outgoing from the get go, then it helps you talk to eople," she said.

Over the past year, Antoon would norally go out drinking with friends on eekends, but even as an older student, e understood the social aspect of inking in college.

"I don't think it's bad by any eans," she said, "as long as it's done esponsibly."

Andrew Bordelon






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Broadening Horizons

natchitoches welcomes new cultural experiences

Quaint.

This was a word that came to mind for Meghan Breaux, senior liberal arts major, when thinking about Natchitoches.

"Natchitoches is just one of those places that rarely changes," Breaux said. "Not that that's a bad thing, it's just nice to have new things, sometimes."

Such were her thoughts before new businesses, such as Hana Japanese Sushi Bar and Grill, and Aladdin's Hookah Café opened their doors.

Students were excited to see new places with new experiences appearing in Natchitoches and began to hope for even more similar experiences in their futures.

"It is amazing that Natchitoches is getting more diverse foods and restaurants," Breaux said. "It's nice to have new cultural experiences to explore with places like Hana and Aladdin's."

The new restaurants received rave reviews from students. It appeared the cultural experience alone was not what kept students coming back – it was their menus.

"I really like [Hana's] green tea ice cream," Breaux said. "It's a different experience."

Stephanie LaGrone, senior liberal arts major, said, "as far as food, really like Aladdin's lamb kabob and their falafel."

"I also really like the experience of a hookah. It's cool to have some place to go with friends." LaGrone said.

"I like that [they help] to diversify the culture a little." LaGrone said "[Natchitoches] is a chicken-fried-steak kind of town, and this offers new places to dine"

Culture wasn't experienced just in learning about new places, Sara Hunt, senior sociology major, said.

"The Louisiana Academy of Music is also a new type of cultural experience to Natchitoches," Hunt said. "It's nice that there's a place for non college students to go for lessons."

Hunt wasn't convinced there was something to be had for everybody even though the selections there were diverse.

"It seemed to be mainly focused on guitar," she said. "It was disappointing that I couldn't find any vocal sheet music, but it's a new store. still has the opportunity to grow."

Paul Randall Adam


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Whitney Irvin
Hana Japanese Sushi Bar & Grill

Why did you decide to work for Hana?
When I saw the ad in the paper about the new Japanese restaurant, I wanted to work there so I could enjoy the new experience in Natchitoches.

Why do you enjoy your job at Hana?
At Hana, we have a great staff that makes every shift at work fun. There is never a dull day at Hana.

What does Hana bring to NSU and the Natchitoches community?
Being the only Japanese sushi bar and grill restaurant in the Natchitoches area makes us a great attraction for the new students and tourists. We also have a bar and lounge area for parties, weddings and showers.

Who does Hana attract?
Hana not only attracts the college and high school students, we also have customers that range in every age group.

Do you have any funny or interesting stories that have happened to you while working?
One day when we were slow, we decided to try and teach the sushi chefs some random slang English words. It was so funny the way that they pronounced each word that we have never corrected them, and we let them say the words wrong because it is so entertaining.

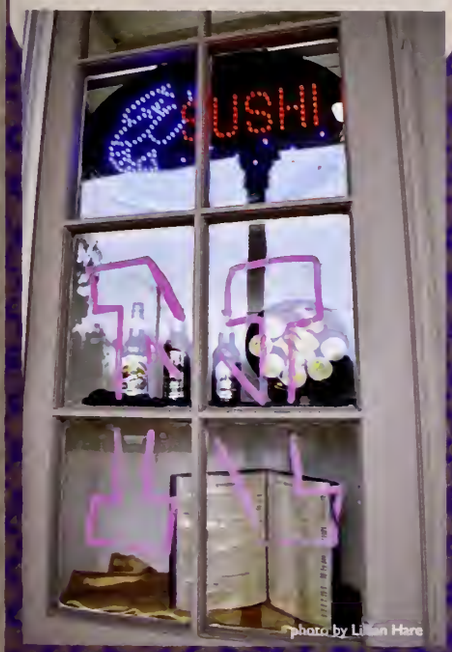


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Becca Brown
Aladdin's Hookah Café

Why do you enjoy your job at Aladdin's?
I like my job because I get to deal with people. People I've met at this university may be shocked to hear this, but I'm an incredibly shy person, and I find great difficulty in talking to and handling people. Since I've started college I've striven to coax myself out of that ridiculous habit. Anyway my job there offers me a crash course in "People Person 101," which is great.

What does Aladdin's bring to NSU and Natchitoches community?
Natchitoches is awesome, always has been, always will be. But the definition of awesome is ever-changing, so you have to adapt. The most awesome thing about having Aladdin's in Natchitoches is that even with it being this super cool, new, scene thing, it's not out of place here. It still fits.

Who does Aladdin's attract?
Young people, older people, teachers, students, business people, cops, everyone. My boss told me this story: the day they opened to the public at 6:30 in the morning whenever the doors first opened, there was a small group of girls waiting and wanting to smoke hookah. I just thought that was pretty funny. But there are still tons of people that don't know what this place is about, which can be killer for a new business. And to [everybody who has] hesitated stepping foot in your friendly neighborhood Mediterranean Cuisine & Hookah Lounge: give it a shot; take a chance. Maybe you'll hate it. But maybe you'll love it and give me super-huge tips.

What do you bring that's unique to your job?
I'm odd, which I pretend and hope, really, is appealing. I enjoy the challenge of overcoming my timidity. I know how to deal with little problems that may come up, like if something isn't how the customer ordered it, you know, or something like that. I try to keep it fresh, make [my co-workers] laugh, keep the day going. I also look good in black. I think that helps.


photo by Paul Adams


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Brendon Mizener
Louisiana Academy of Music

Why did you decide to work at the Louisiana Academy of Music?
I wanted to work there for a number of reasons. First of all, wanting to have an income was a very big factor. Secondly, I wanted to get some experience with something that would actually be applicable to my future occupation as a musician and teacher.

What does the music store bring to NSU and the Natchitoches community?
I think that the store brings to Natchitoches a music store that is worth its salt. We are also the first piano store in the area, not to mention offering a full line of musical instruments to suit the students' need.

Who does the music store attract?
The store attracts all kinds, all of whom have a common interest in music. We cater to the millionaire piano buyer to whom money is no object just as much as "Joe Shmoe" guitar player who's been saving up to buy new guitar strings.

What do you bring that's unique to your job?
The store employs both teachers and salespeople, and I am the only employee besides the owner himself who brings the sensibilities of both to the store. We have a few salespeople who work simply as salespeople and a number of very qualified teachers, but I was employed as both a teacher and a salesperson, so I was able to offer the teacher's viewpoint and the viewpoint of someone who had some classical musical training to the customers.

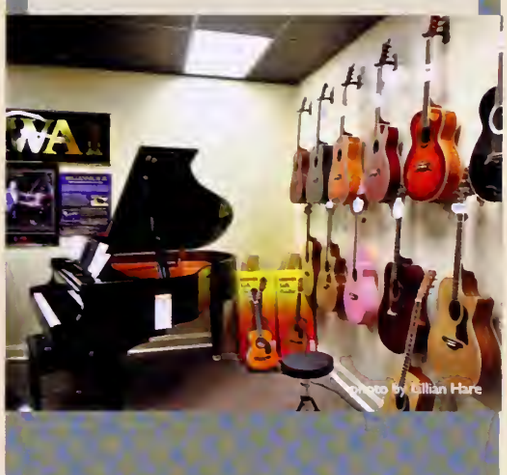

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(Top) Some students attempted to go green in other ways. Riding bicycles onto and around campus was a different way for students to help the environment.

(Bottom) Since recycling bins were installed on campus, they have overflowed with various materials. "The bin that is used the most are the ones at the library," Halli Hickman, junior [illegible] said. "Students are always putting extra pages they print from the printer in the bins."





Saving the World

one bin at a time

Twenty five billion plastic bottles are used in America each year.

More than half of a new aluminum can is manufactured from recycled aluminum.

Seventeen mature trees, 7,000 gallons of water, three ubic yards of landfill space, two barrels of oil and 4,100 kilowatt-hours f electricity were saved by recycling one ton of paper, according to the Oberlin College and Conservatory Web site.

America looked at these facts and became more involved in the "go- ng green" movement. Organizations lobbied the government to pass laws gainst factories polluting the air. Cities started recycling programs for heir citizens.

And, in the 2009 spring semester, NSU took its first step in the going reen movement by starting a recycling program on campus.

Blue recycling bins were placed on every floor in some of the most sed buildings on campus and in all teachers' offices. Ward's Waste Com- any, the school's trash pick up company, was contracted to empty the ecycling bins once a week.

Many students were happy with the new program on campus, but hey also saw where there needed improvements.

"I like that Northwestern State University is moving toward a 'Go Green' direction, as apposed to 'lets just dump our trash into one dump- ter,'" Chris Sylvie, sophomore theatre performance major, said.

Although the program was accepted by students, they thought im- provements could be made.

"The program can be improved by having more recycling bins or dumpsters on campus so that way students can recycle often," Sylvie said.

After the program ran for a full semester, some students were still not aware of it.

"If it weren't for the few posters and recycle cans in the student union, I would not even know that NSU has a 'going green' plan," Alex St. Romain, sophomore psychology major, said.

With the exception of adding more recycling bins around campus, students had other ideas for getting the word out about the program.

"I think that NSU could make a bigger deal of the program," St. Romain said. "Maybe advertise it more or host events to let people know what's going on."

The University focused the recycling program on the teachers and faculty in the beginning, but were interested in student input to further the program.

"I would welcome input and would love for students to be involved in the ideas they give," Steven Gruesbeck, director of service-learning, said.

As for more recycle bins, Gruesbeck said the university would need to see an increase in the use of the bins and decrease in garbage use before purchasing more bins.

Even with the kinks, students seem to think the program was a good idea and understood the difficulties.

"I think it's a good idea, but it's difficult to do in a small town, because recycling centers are in short supply and hard to find," Halli Hickman, junior family and consumer sciences major, said.

Taylor Graves



photo by Bethany Frank

Baby Steps

one tent at a time

With the state of the economy and being a starving artist, what was the worst that could happen?

"I end up living in a tent," Corbin R. Wayne Covher, more commonly known as 'Tent Man,' said.

Covher began his 22-day tented journey in September and quickly became one of the most well-known individuals on campus.

"In order to get your message out, people have to know who you are and pay attention to you," he said. "I have been here three to four weeks and more people know me on campus than probably anybody else that's just started school. So it's a good jumping-off point for getting a message out."

Covher came to Louisiana from Illinois to earn a bachelors degree in sculpture. A two-week visit at the beginning of the semester set Covher in a world ideal for getting his message out and practicing his passion—art.

"In a small town like Natchitoches, there is kind of a social disconnect with the rest of the world and the state of the economy and the people that are really living in tents because they have to," he said. "In bigger cities it becomes harder to find acceptance and help. The bigger the city, the more people can overlook you and ignore it. Where in a small town like Natchitoches, people tend to try to help their own and understand what's going on and know people and know what's going on in the community. So it kind of makes a bigger statement here than it would in a bigger city. And it just kind of puts it out in the middle of their face and even if they don't want to, they notice and they kind of pay attention."



Covher secured permission to live in the tent outside of the Creativ and Performing Arts Building with the assistance of the art departmen Matt DeFord (art department head), administrative channels, universit police and Robert Crew (executive assistant to President Randall Webb

"I've met a lot of people," Covher said. "The majority of the non-ar people don't really get the idea of the art project, and that's OK."

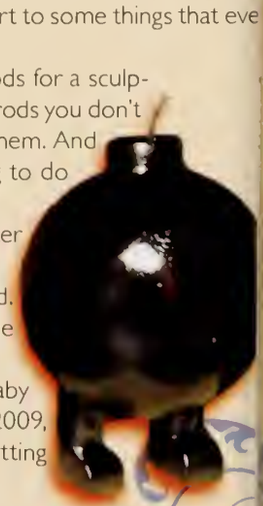
Covher encouraged the campus to get involved with 'Tent Ma through different activities such as Tent Man Goes to Pioneer Pub, wher he and a group of students met up at the pub and enjoyed local entertair ment. The Community Canvas, where he put out paint and brushes fc the community to work together to paint a canvas he had on the wall. . flower vote, where he set out some of his flower sculptures and a canno ball to see which the community would like best, and then he drew a nam from the voters and gave them the winning flower. A Barter Booth, wher he traded art for people's possessions. People bartered everything fro their grandmother's prayer book to movies to art to some things that eve Tent Man had to refuse.

"I had some lady trying to trade curtain rods for a sculpture," Covher said. "First of all, they are curtain rods you don't want, what makes you think I'm going to want them. And let alone, I am living in a tent, what am I going to do with curtain rods?"

But Covher's mission was deeper than barter booths and community canvases.

"It's time for the world to change," he said. "There's just so many things wrong with the world and this country that need to change."

"I mean, we just need to start taking baby steps and change things," he continued. "It's 2009, almost 2010, and we are still taking trash and putting




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TENT MAN Presents: Community Canvas


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: in the ground and putting dirt over it. I mean, that's just wrong...We are upposed to be the caretakers of the Earth, not the user and abusers. We re like parasites now where we could be the fosterers of new growth and aretakers. We're making species go extinct and not taking care of them. 's pretty ridiculous."

Covher knew he was one man and couldn't change the world, but he vas taking "baby steps."

"I've got a lot of things to say," he said. "But sometimes making abtract sculptural projects or kitschy small funny art projects don't really get cross the message. So there needs to be a bigger thing going on, but I am tarting out with small things—baby steps—hinting at the problems with culptures and music."

Throughout this experience Covher learned many lessons and tried o teach a few along the way. He understood first hand the impact of the conomy after being laid off from three art jobs in the last four years and elling a house.

"It's been a rough time," he said. "Especially as an artist and musician where art and music are usually the first things to get ut in times of strife. And art is really the wealth of the world."

But if there was one lesson Covher could share with the tudents and the community, it is simply, "You can get used to nything."

"Not having my own shower or my own kitchen, I have been doing it for three weeks now, and I'm pretty used to it," e said. "It's like I don't really look forward to having to go back o an apartment and having bills to pay. It's the downside to aving your own place—bills to pay—where living in a ent, you don't have as much privacy or comfort as a ormal social situation. But we can get used to anyhing."

Bethany Frank

"Art is visual expression of something that is intangible."
-Tent Man

Swine flu epidemic reaches students, vaccine offered

Stephanie Campbell, director of heath services, said it was her belief that there were more than 60 students on campus with flu-like symptoms that were more than likely cases of the H1N1 influenza, 45 of which she was certain carried the flu.

Since treating the first student, Campbell said her staff was busy caring for numerous students with symptoms that matched the H1N1 virus, also known as the swine flu.

Although Campbell and her staff were unable to confirm it, Campbell said she suspected most of the students that came to the Health Services were carrying the swine flu virus - only those who were hospitalized were actually tested for the virus.

Before the flu-like symptoms began spreading across campus, Campbell explained that on a busy day, she and her staff only saw about 30 students.

Campbell said the Health Services averaged about 50 students a day - up to 76 were treated in one day.

To help eliminate the outbreak, Campbell said there were two simple steps that could be followed that made a huge difference.

"I think it's still important for people to stay home if they're sick and to continue to wash their hands with soap and water," Campbell said.

David Royal



photo by Lilly Hare

Kappa Sigma chapter indefinitely suspended

Theta Mu chapter of Kappa Sigma fraternity was indefinitely suspended from all on-campus activities while the Internal Board of Directors of the fraternity investigated an alleged violation of their code of conduct.

Kappa Sigma Fraternity looked into whether the local chapter purchased an alcoholic keg with fraternity funds.

Steven Horton, the chapter's faculty adviser, said a student accused the fraternity of purchasing the keg from Maggio's Package Liquor, and then university officials reported the student's statement to Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

Horton said the national headquarters immediately responded by launching an investigation, and explained that it was standard procedure for a chapter to be suspended until the investigation was completed.



photo by Bethany Frank

Dean of Students Chris Maggio said the university worked with the Internal Board of Directors to help the investigation run as smoothly as possible and to make sure everything was in accordance with the rules.

"Anytime there is an allegation of this nature, we act on it," Maggio said. "We're doing whatever we can to assist [Kappa Sigma Fraternity]."

The chapter's suspension, which began Nov. 13, meant the members could not hold any official meetings or activities under Kappa Sigma's name, Horton said.

He added, however, that the 10 tenants of the Kappa Sigma house located on campus still had the right to live there.

The Internal Board of Directors sent George Jackson, the district grand master for the north Louisiana region of Kappa Sigma Fraternity, to NSU to investigate the chapter's alleged code of conduct violation, Horton said.

Horton said that after interviewing those accused of being involved in the incident, Jackson reported to Kappa Sigma Fraternity that there was no substantia evidence supporting the al leged violation.

Horton explained tha the next step was for Kap pa Sigma Fraternity to lool over Jackson's evaluation and then it would make it decision on what should b done for the chapter.

Horton said it was hi belief that everything woul be cleared up and his chap ter would be taken off c suspension soon, but adde that the Thanksgiving brea slowed down the process.

Horton said the mem bers of the chapter wer encouraged not to speal publicly about the incident and said they handled th situation well.

"They've been ma ture in the dealings witl those that made the alle gations, and have handle everything by the letter c the law," Horton said. " couldn't be prouder."

David Roya

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Basketball player wrecks

nstead of relaxing after a hectic first week of classes, a Demon basketball player finished his eek in the hospital after ing injured in an automoe accident in Opelousas.

Dwayne Watkins, phomore guard, was inred in an automobile accient while driving home for e weekend on Aug. 28.

Watkins was in stable ndition, but was in ICU a respirator at Our Lady Lourdes Regional Medil Center in Lafayette for out a week, Demons' ead Coach Mike McCothy said.

"Doctors have indited that he should have a ll recovery, but there are guarantees," McConathy id.

Watkins' accident ocrred north of Opelousas I-49.

According to McConay, he left Natchitoches at 0 p.m. and the collision ok place at approximately 00 p.m. It was 6:30 p.m. efore McConathy and the am heard about the colion.

The injuries he susined were assumed to be used by his not wearing s seat belt since he was rown from the vehicle, cConathy said.

Watkins suffered two actured vertebrae in his inal column, bruised lungs d head injuries, according an article on nsudemons. m.

"As we met on Friday ght after the news got Natchitoches and [we] ayed for the will of God be with him, I could ll the players were very



photo by Gary Hardamon

anxious and wanted to try to help him," McConathy said. "He is a tremendous young man that everyone loves and cares a great deal about."

The team visited Watkins at the hospital the following Sunday. Aramie Brooks, senior forward, said it was a lot to take in, and some of the players were very emotional.

"I'm praying that Dwayne makes a full recovery. He is a great asset to the team, as well as a friend," Brooks said.

According to Demons' athletic Internet site, Watkins came to NSU from Independence High School at Tickfaw, La. There, he was a second-team Class 3A All-State as a senior, averaging 24.5 points per game.

"[He is] the ultimate steal. He has that extra gear that we have not seen since Michael Byars-Dawson," McConathy said.

At NSU, Watkins averaged 6.6 minutes per game playing time and had an overall 31 points for the 08-09 basketball season.

Watkins was cleared Aug. 18 to resume normal basketball workouts after sustaining a knee injury in last season's loss to Miami (Ohio) Dec. 30.

On the website, McConathy said: "Dwayne was well ahead of schedule on his return after his knee surgery, and he was going to be a very dynamic part of our team this season. Everyone who has been around him admires him for how he responded to that situation and I'm sure that same kind of courage and work ethic will help him as he recovers this time."

ShaRonda Williams

Governor Jindal comes to town

NSU officials and students hosted a relatively short-notice visit from Gov. Bobby Jindal Dec. 15.

The purpose of the governor's trip was to observe first-hand how the university was operating in the midst of the state's major budget cuts.

Although they only had a few days notice, President Randall Webb said he and his staff were pleased to have Jindal come.

"You're always honored when the governor can pay a visit," Webb said.

In addition to numerous NSU officials, Senator Gerald Long and Natchitoches Mayor Wayne McCullen were present for the governor's tour.

The trip consisted of an informational presentation from NSU officials in Magale Recital Hall, musical performances from CAPA students and tours of the Elementary Lab School and Williamson Hall.

Webb explained that, originally, Jindal's staff told NSU officials to plan for the governor to stay on campus for only an hour.

Jindal and his staff, however, decided to stay an additional hour as the tour was taking place.

Associate Provost Steve Horton, who helped organize the governor's tour and assisted with the presentation, said he was pleasantly surprised to see that the governor spent additional time with NSU.

"It is definitely a positive that he was interested enough to give us an extra hour," Horton said.

Webb said Jindal seemed most interested in learning more about how NSU evolved from a single campus to a properly functioning distance learning educational institution and how the elementary lab school operated.

Jindal spent the majority of the time in the elementary school observing the different teachers and students.

"I think he saw that there was a real camaraderie in the school, and more importantly, that the kids are learning," Horton said.

Additionally, Webb said the culinary program showcased its department and skills by preparing a gift of chocolate chip cookies for the governor - one of his favorite desserts.

Both Webb and Horton agreed they believed Jindal was genuinely interested in the university's programs and was impressed with what he saw and heard.

"I truly think he saw a positive force here at Northwestern," Horton said.

Jindal's trip was just one of other planned trips to higher education institutions across Louisiana.

He already visited both McNeese State University and Louisiana Tech University.

David Royal



New Web site makes things simpler

Change became a common theme around NSU. There were building renovations, budget cuts and now a newly redesigned Internet site.

The re-organization of the site was geared toward making navigation and finding information easier for users.

"I think now, if you are in the role of a student, you can literally go into one section of the site and potentially everything you need is right there," Phillip Gillis, the associate director of academic services, said.

Although there were many changes, Gillis said the site was not complete.

The current design was a part of the first phase, which was completed in early August.

"If you're in the role of a student, if there's not something that you need, we need to fix that, we need to know about it," he said.

To encourage student participation with the Internet site, Gillis said there will polling questionnaires and other prompts to the student body to help initiate feedback.

Some students chimed in about the new site.

"I think it's nice. I like the pictures," Tanesha Hamilton, senior education major, said. "I like how the buttons go across the screen. It makes things easy to get to."

Carlesha Patterson, junior nursing major, added that she also liked the site, but she said it took her longer to find certain things.

"I was so used to the other site," Patterson said. "I just have to get used to where everything is."

Along with student involvement, Gillis says it was also important to serve the entire NSU community, from the public to the faculty.

He said confusion reduction and basic organization were some of the goals in re-creating the Internet site.

Julie Kane, associate English professor, agreed the new site was more organized

"I went to the registrar's site and everything was laid out in excellent organization," Kane said.

"You could go right to the final exam schedule or the fall 2009 calendar."

Kane added, however, that there are some things, like the pictures, she misses about the old site.

"I loved the [picture] with all of the NSU students and the one of downtown Natchitoches," Kane said. "I thought they were very beautiful and presented NSU and Natchitoches in a very good light."

Along with the new Internet site, Gillis and his staff were also working on a mobile initiative that would provide an additional method of giving course, fee and general university information via mobile devices.

Gillis said as long as he and his staff were positioned to react to the needs and desires of the campus community, the features set would continue to evolve.

"The needs the students have today, they'll change tomorrow," he said. "So, we're trying to be proactive about it and respond real quickly."

ShaRonda Williams



NSU named a tree campus

Brothers John and Sidney Evans made a donation totaling around 800 plants and various landscape supplies to enhance the appearance of the campus.

NSU received the donation the same week it was named a Tree Campus USA University by the Arbor Day Foundation.

NSU was the first college or university in Louisiana to be named a Tree Campus University.

One requirement of the Arbor Day foundation was that the university planted a certain number of trees each year.

This donation allowed for NSU to exceed the requirements this year.

"This is making my wishes come true," Gary Nolley, one of the leaders of the grounds crew, said.

"We would have never been able to do this without the help of the Evans brothers."

They planted a Cyprus tree grove at the Tarlton Drive entrance.

The final total oaks in the area were about 75.

"We are trying to provide NSU a unique setting and an interesting layout, not just a square box."

Nolley's goal was to have all of the donate plants in the ground b March of 2010. The crew worked with the physica plant to overcome obsta cles, such as NSU's under ground utilities.

"Everything has to b carefully coordinated," sai Nolley.

The crew also bega planting around organiza tional row. They planted trees by the Phi Mu an Baptist Collegiate Ministrie houses.

The grounds crew also enhanced a project the began last year.

They planted pin trees along the west sid of Sam Sibley and plante green ash maples and elm around the print shop.

The NSU ground crew never cuts down tree unless it was harmfu to students or the univer sity, Chris Sampite, dire tor of custodial services an coordinator of emergenc services, said.

They worked to en hance the landscape an to make the campus mor appealing for visitors an students.

"We understand th importance of maintainin and preserving trees," h said.

Casey Reynold

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Budget cuts raise fears and leave employees jobless

As a result of an additional $2.2 million cut in the niversity's budget, NSU informed 19 incumbent employees this December that eir employment would t be renewed the next cal year, President Randall Webb said.

Additionally, Webb id the university planned send at least 20 letters to SU personnel by March 1 forming them that they ould no longer have their bs the next year.

"There's nothing easy about this," Webb said. "It's really heart wrenching."

Webb explained he hoped the situation would not result in the loss of jobs, but said there was little choice after the state gave the higher education system an $84 million mid-year cut.

"Our faculty didn't do anything wrong to deserve this," Webb said. "Unfortunately, it still had to be done though for financial reasons."

Like the previous fiscal year's mid-year cut of $2.1 million, Webb said this cut of $2.2 million for the remaining six months of the fiscal year was originally unexpected.

"We tried our best to prepare for the possibility of another mid-year cut, but we had hoped it wouldn't happen," he said.

The cut set the state's total reduction of NSU's funding up to 16.7 percent for the past year - $49.6 million to $41.3 million.

NSU positions being lost, however, was only one effect of the $2.2 million cut, Webb said.

Funding for adjunct instruction was reduced by $600,000, student employment by $100,00, graduate assistantships by $125,000 and support budgets by $650,000. Despite cuts in its funds, no students or graduate assistants lost their jobs, Webb said.

Also, 25 more vacant faculty and staff positions were frozen, which brought the total number of eliminated positions at NSU throughout the past year to 101.

Webb said it was true the university and state was in an extremely negative time, but added that NSU had been through times like this before.

"It's always good to recall our history," Webb said.

The university did not begin receiving a significant amount of funding until recently, but Webb said NSU still managed to grow and produce quality students.

"Northwestern will keep functioning," Webb said. "We'll find a way."

David Royal

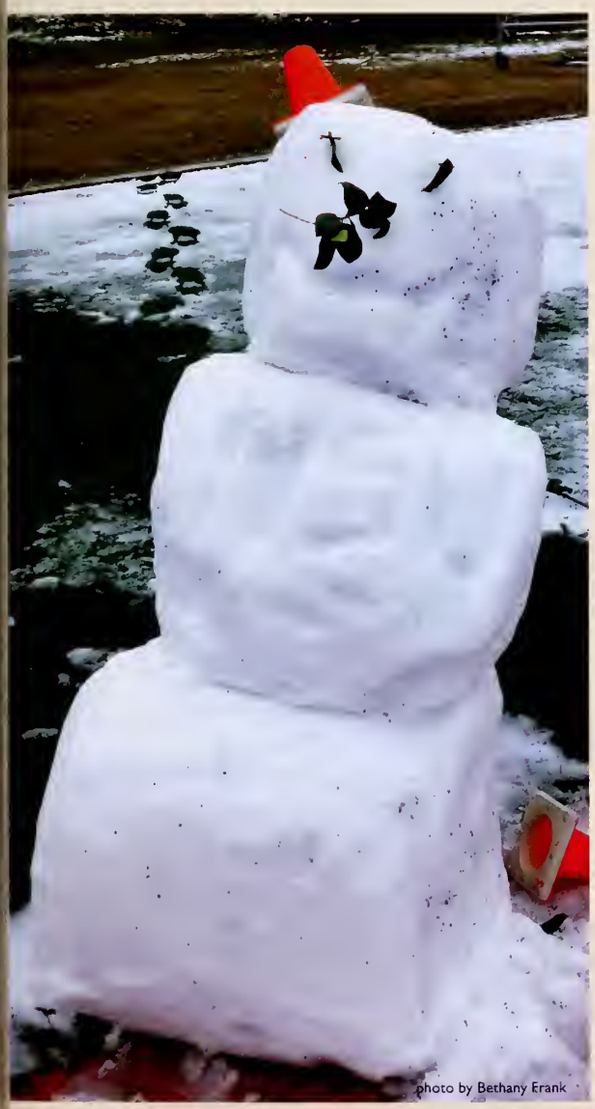


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Temperature drops cause campus closure

Because of the freezing temperatures, it snowed three times in Natchitoches, resulting in two school closures.

School was closed for the second half of the first day of the spring semester when pipes in the city froze and burst.

Chuck Bourg, physical plant director, explained that this was a result of residents keeping their faucets running to prevent their lines from freezing.

"If [people] listen to the weather man say to go ahead and crack [their] pipes a little bit and everybody does that, then all of a sudden the pressure goes down really low," Bourg said.

The utility company called that Monday to ask the school to conserve as much water as possible in order to bring the pressure back up.

"When the administration made the decision to go ahead and send everybody home and shut down at noon, that alleviated all the restroom problems and we gradually started building pressure back up," Bourg said.

The sudden pressure drop was not the only thing the city has been dealing with, however. Because of the low temperatures, water lines throughout Natchitoches began freezing and the pipes starting busting.

Several students that lived off-campus experienced these problems in their own homes. Sarah Timmons, senior biology major, went without water for five days after her neighbor's pipes burst.

"It was miserable," Timmons said. "I had to go up to school to brush my teeth, but then the school didn't have any water, so someone had to give me a water bottle so I could brush my teeth."

The school did not have many burst pipes and experienced little damage.

"We experienced some minor busted water lines-basically some outdoor lines, like over at Warren Easton Lab School and some minor things at a couple other buildings-that our people were able to go ahead and repair," Bourg said.

There was also some minor flooding in Fournet Hall after a pipe busted on the second floor during the previous weekend, and the fire sprinklers at University Place Phase I went off, also as a result of a busted pipe.

There was a second school closure in February as a result of several inches of snow on the ground- a first in many years. The heavy snow began in the late afternoon on February 11 and ended during the early hours of the 12.

Sarah Cramer



Photo by Bethany Frank

Athletic department falls victim of thefts

Detective Doug Prescott and the University Police investigated two alleged thefts of Athletic Department property in a matter of weeks.

The Athletic Department believed two signs were stolen from Turpin Stadium at some time following the university's first home football game, Dr. William Broussard, assistant athletic director, said.

The two signs were part of a $30,000 renovation project intended to enhance the appearance of Turpin Stadium and overall experience for Demon football fans. The new decorative signs cost roughly $7,500, Broussard said.

The two signs that were missing were only being held in place by plastic zip ties, and it would have been easy for someone to simply cut the plastic and take the signs, Broussard said.

Additionally, the Athletic Department kept Turpin open to the public and had many entrances and exits in which potential thieves could use.

Because of this, he said it would be just about impossible to maintain accountability of who was in the stadium who didn't belong.

Broussard thought the signs were taken to serve as somebody's exclusive NSU memorabilia, but added he did not automatically assume that a student or student organization was involved.

"It could be virtually anyone, so I refuse to make the jump that a student must have done it," Broussard said.

Just weeks after, two televisions and two video cameras came up missing from the field house, and Broussard said it was his belief the only logical possibility was that they were stolen.

"It is highly unlikely that items like that just simply came up missing," Broussard said.

Although he was not exactly sure on the total price, Broussard said the stolen equipment was not cheap.

"It's frustrating," Broussard said.

Broussard explained the cameras were highly specialized and the televisions were large flat-screens.

"Whoever did this knew what they were doing," Broussard said.

Both Broussard and Prescott were not sure if the two instances were related.

Broussard said, however, he believed there was little that can be done in cases such as these and said he didn't expect for the equipment to be found.

He said as a result of the second instance of thievery, officials and coaches within the Athletic Department began to realize the importance of being more careful about securing entrances behind them and starting to abandon their careless actions.

"It's made us a little hyper-vigilant," Broussard said.

David Royal

Organizations get new homes

For the Baptist Collegiate Ministry and the ladies of Phi Mu Fraternity, a dream became a reality with the construction of their new homes away from home.

Phi Mu relocated next door to the Kappa Sigma Fraternity house. Phi Mu was previously located on Greek Hill, but the house was in disrepair, according to Phi Mu President Rachel McCalister.

Originally, the lot assigned to the sorority was in a location further down from the Kappa Sigma house, McCalister said.

"The university told us that if we would trade lots for the one we are on now they would pave the parking lot, and so we graciously traded," McCalister said.

The Phi Mu chapter had money gaining interest in an account for many years dedicated to the construction of a new house for the ladies.

"This house would not have been made possible without the help of a great group of alums lead by Miss Angela Lasyone, who has been there every step of the way through the building process," McCalister said.

Brittany Pippin, 2009 Miss Lady of the Bracelet and a Phi Mu, said she was eager for the organization to get settled in the house.

"I am absolutely thrilled about the new Phi Mu house," Pippin said. "This is something that Phi Mu has been working toward for many years, and to final have a place to call our ow is really like a dream com true."

The BCM, after havir meetings in the Friedma Student Union Alley fc four years, got their ow building located at 500 Cas pari Street.

Amber Evans, BCI residential caretaker, live at the building with room mate Ashley Luckett.

Evans said she like what the BCM represen ed, especially since it wa her home away from hom

"We kind of want t be known as a place wher you can come in and hav a good atmosphere," Evar said.

The BCM was ope throughout the day s students could come re lax, play a game of pool c watch big-screen televisior There was also a praye room students were we come to use.

Bill Collins served as d rector of the BCM, and sai he was glad the student had a place to gather.

"[It is] more than a stu dent union, not just a meet ing facility or a place for le sure," he said.

Funds for the builc ing came from Louisian Baptists, as well as the sal of the previous buildin which sold for $500,00(The working budget wa $829,000 with every squar foot at $82. Constructio was done by Baptist Builc ers.

Sarah Perso

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Freshman and transfer enrollment increases

Despite its diminishing budget, NSU saw an increase in students.

NSU's enrollment numbers rose to 9,247 - a population growth of 136 from last fall.

"I think particularly, in an economy like this, it gives you an additional good feeling to know that the university is continuing to increase enrollment," said President Randall Webb.

The group that experienced the most growth was the incoming freshmen class, with an increase of 119. The transfer student population grew by 114.

Milan Moore, freshmen health and exercise science major, said she chose NSU because she was looking for a school with a good pre-physical therapy program.

"I chose Northwestern after doing a lot of researching," Moore said. "Their program is more hands on, so I believe I'll be more prepared [when I graduate]."

Some incoming students chose the university for other reasons.

"My friend told me about the school, so I looked into it," Lauren Lewis, freshmen journalism major, said. "I was looking at the campus, and I liked it."

Webb said the enrollment numbers could be contributed to the university as a whole.

"I hope our faculty, staff and students feel better because the enrollment really is a reflection of all of us and our contributions to the university as to whether students are finding that Northwestern is the exceptional place we think it is or not," Webb said.

He added that one of the important things to focus on now was making sure the new students actually stay.

"We've got to ensure that we have such good programs, services and support for students that they will stay here year after year and graduate here because we're going to be evaluated on the state level on our ability to do those things," Webb said.

"Another important thing is for the students to be satisfied when they graduate and to be well pleased with the experience and the education they've had."

Shelita Dalton

Bass fishing team places fourth nationally

To find one of the university's most successful sports team, you had to venture off dry land.

The Bass Fishing Team proved that it was a worthy contender in its region by finishing fourth at the National Guard FLW College Fishing Texas Regional Championship.

By finishing in the top five, the Demons were awarded $8,000 - half going to NSU and the other going to the bass team - and qualified to compete in the FLW College Fishing's National Championship in Knoxville, Tenn.

Jeff Rich and Aaron Sistrunk represented NSU and said they were pleased with their results.

"Of course we would've liked to have finished first, but we're also just happy to be going to Nationals," said Rich, who is also the team's president.

Rich and Sistrunk placed behind Texas A&M, Texas State and Tarelton State.



Regional champions Texas A&M took home $25,000 in cash and a 177TR Ranger fishing boat - also worth about $25,000.

Kevin Hunt, director of operations at FLW Outdoors, said the regional championship was a success and said Natchitoches was a great location for the event.

"We have a long standing relationship with Natchitoches," Hunt said. "It is one of our favorite towns to go to."

The regional championship, which took place on Sibley Lake, consisted of each team of two taking off from the boat ramp at 7 a.m. and weighing their catches later that day at the Prather Coliseum parking lot.

The teams were allowed to weigh up to six fish a day, and the heaviest total catch won.

Rich and Sistrunk, who fished together for about a year and have finished in the top-10 in three tournaments, caught three fish weighing 6 pounds, 3 ounces on the first day; six fish weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces on the second day; and six fish weighing 8 pounds, 2 ounces on the final day.

There was an 8 pound, 5 ounce difference between NSU and the champions from Texas A&M.

Rich added that their total catches weighed more than what he was expecting.

He said he was only expecting about 18 pounds worth.

Rich, Sistrunk and the other five members of the NSU Bass Fishing Team competed in seven tournaments since the season began in the spring and has finished in the top 10 for many of them.

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Military troops Increase

The military served in two wars. President Barack Obama faced the decision to either increase the number of troops deployed or to withdraw. After promising to bring the military home from Iraq, the president decided to increase the number of troops "to stabilize a deteriorating situation," said the Washington Post.

The increase in military deployment to Afghanistan was due to resurgence of the Taliban in that country.

The expected number of troops deployed was 17,000. That would include all branches of the military. 8,000 marines from North Carolina and 4,000 army troops from Washington were expected to be part of the 17,000.

There was a steac withdrawal of troops Iraq, which allowed mo troops to be sent to wa torn Afghanistan.

There were plans f Afghanistan to increa diplomatic efforts with th countries of Iran, India ar Russia. These diplomatic e forts were to coincide wi the troop increase.

Tom Lawl

United States Seeks Relief Through Stimulus Package

The United States experienced an economic recession in 2008 causing raising rates in unemployment, decrease in housing sales, cutbacks in education and more.

When President Barack Obama was elected into office, he made his first task a stimulus package geared toward helping the country through these hard times. The stimulus package was written to include construction projects, education, renewable energy, Medicaid, unemployment benefits, middle-class tax cut and tax cuts for companies suffering losses. The written plan was more than 1,000 pages long when sent to the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives to review and vote on.

The unemployment rate was at the top of the stimulus package with it hitting 10.2 percent in November 2009, the highest peak in 26 years.



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One hundred twenty billion dollars was provided for new bridge, road and government building construction projects. Education received more than $100 billion, and energy-related projects were given $30 billion. Each of these areas was believed to provide long or short-term jobs for American citizens.

The housing market also received help from the stimulus package. First-time homebuyers were able to qualify for an $8,000 tax credit.

The $30 billion for education also provided the money needed for rebuilding classrooms, labs and libraries, while also helping fund Pell Grants for college students across the country.

Car dealers were also given help through the stimulus package with the program Cash for Clunkers. The program was designed to get old, non-environment-friendly vehicles off the road and help customers buy better cars. Th program officially ended August 2009.

The stimulus packag passed in the House with 246 to 183 vote, while pas ing in the Senate with a 6 to 38 vote.

Taylor Grav

New Orleans Saints SEARCH

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Drug Wars become deadly

Because of unrest south of the border, the United States feared joining a third war.

Mexican President Felipe Calderón Hinojosa battled the drug cartels that were becoming a serious problem in his country. The war was between these drug cartels, which distributed a majority of the marijuana and cocaine in the United States, and Mexico's government.

According to MSNBC, more than 6,300 people were killed since January 2008, and more than 1,000 of those killed were murdered in the first eight weeks of 2009.

The US joined Mexico in an effort to fight the drug cartels because it played a major role in the growth of drug trafficking, as they were a major consumer of illegal drugs from Mexico, said the Los Angeles Times.

The drug problems were not a new development. They had been a problem in Mexico for years. In 2006, the United States sent about 36,000 troops to aid the Mexican police.

In 2009 and 2010, the United States was still doing its part to fight the drug cartels.

In addition, many refugees fled to the states to find relief from the drug wars.

Sarah Cramer

Obama's Party Crashed

A couple decided to sneak into a reception at the White House to spend some time with the political VIPs.

Michaele and Tareq Salahi, also known as the "White House Gatecrashers," showed up uninvited to President Barack Obama's first state dinner on Nov. 24.

The party was for Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. Secret Service was only supposed to allow 320 guests into the party, and the Salahis were not on the list.

The two managed to make it in to the party after making their way past both Marine guards and the Secret Service.

It was not discovered that they attended the event until after Mrs. Salahi posted pictures on her Facebook account. The pictures showed the two with several Washington D.C. elites, including Vice President Joe Biden and CNN's Katie Couric.

Mrs. Salahi also boasted on her Facebook that they were, in fact, invited to the affair, however the White House officials said they were not on the list.

Because of their stunt, the Salahis faced charges.

Sarah Cramer

Who dat say dey gonna beat dem Saints

Black and gold fleur de lis signs, banners, shirts, hats and more covered Louisiana as fans showed their support for the beloved team. After 43 years, the Saints won the NFL Championship and Super Bowl XLIV.

As the season progressed, the Saints kept the momentum up with each win. The season ended with 13 wins and 3 loses. Their first lost was to the Dallas Cowboys with a score of 17-24, followed by a loss to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers with a score of 17-20, and a loss to the Carolina Panthers with a score of 10-23.

The Saints dominated against the Arizona Cardinals winning their first playoff game 45-14. The second playoff game against the Minnesota Vikings went into overtime with the Saints winning by one field goal making the score 31-28 and qualifying them for the Super Bowl.

Hundreds of fans started wearing black and gold for the two weeks leading up to the super bowl. Restaurants and businesses put out signs to show their support. Saints merchandise showed up in every store across Louisiana.

"Who Dat" became a common phrase in everyday conversation. Everyone talked about the Saints and how they had made history by making it to the Super Bowl.

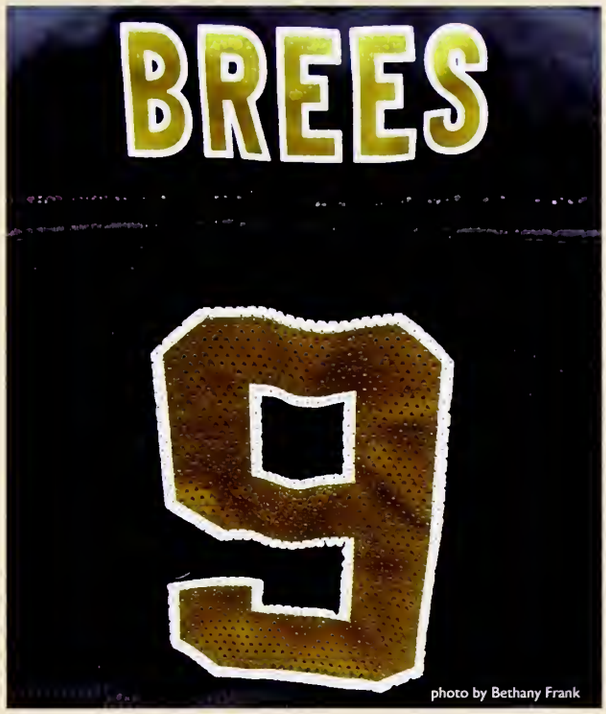


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When Super Bowl day came, Saints fans swarmed New Orleans. Super Bowl parties were held all over the state with black and gold decorations. Saints' fans would watch history being made during the next three hours.

Commentators said winning against the Colts and Peyton Manning would be a difficult job, but the Saints came prepared.

The Colts made the first touchdown and field goal kick of the game, making the first quarter 10 to 0, Colts. The Saints picked up their game in the second quarter with two field goal completions, ending the first half 10 to 6, Colts.

The Saints gained the lead after half time with a 16-yard pass to Pierre Thomas from quarterback Drew Brees for a touchdown.

The Colts took back the lead before the end of the third quarter.

The Saints sealed their win with two touchdowns in the fourth quarter. The first was by Jeremy Shockey with a 2-yard pass from Bress. Lance Moore added two points for the Saints after the touchdown.

The final touchdown of the game came when Tracy Porter intercepted a Colts' pass and ran 76 yards to the in zone.

Immediately following the game, shouts of "Who Dat" could be heard up and down Cane River and all across Louisiana.

Taylor Graves

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The Great

stability and security

With the dawn of a new presidential era, several issues faced our nation on the public level. One such issue that was in the hearts of every American was the health care reform. Since most of the debate was hidden underneath the currents of passion from conservatives and liberals, many of the points at stake were unclear to most people. Indeed there were many different players in this compelling debate. Doctors, government employees, health care providers, hospitals and the everyday people were all faced with the reality of the health care reform, and each one would be affected.

President Obama, and most liberals, called for the reorganizing of the health care system with a government sponsored health insurance package, which would be available to all Americans. Essentially, this could have been summed up as extending Medicare, a government health care system already in place for people over 65 years of age. The president stated that he discovered the necessary funds to provide for this plan in poor government spending.

Tom Lawler

Health Reform benefits, according to BarackObama.com, included:

- Insurance reforms to protect consumers from insurance company worst-practices – like denying coverage based on pre-existing conditions, capping total coverage, and dropping or watering down coverage when you get sick and need it most
- Consumer protections that will restrict how much of your premium dollars insurance companies can spend on marketing, profits and salaries
- Creation of a health exchange to increase consumer choice and guarantee coverage
- Affordable health options, with subsidies for working families and a hardship waiver
- Tax credits to help small businesses afford coverage
- Making preventive care completely free – with no co-payments or deductible
- Lowering the cost of health care for our seniors
- Improving the quality and extending the life of Medicare
- Ensuring that reform is not only fully paid for, but actually significantly reduces the federal deficit



"From where I stand, I see nothing wrong with health care as it is. The changes are going to raise taxes and give health care to people who are just going to abuse it!"
-William Tresuch, sophomore English major



"It is my opinion that no human life is more valuable than any other human life, regardless of [the] wealth one may accumulate. Therefore, I feel that health care should be free across the board. -Matthew Zumwalt, senior sociology and history major



"I agree with the changes Obama [is] trying to make for the citizens of the country!"
-Alyssa Richardson, sophomore journalism major

Debates

the two wars

Sept. 11, 2001, changed America as we knew it. After the two World Trade Center towers collapsed, Americans wanted revenge. It was then that President George W. Bush led us into the war on terror.

On October 7, the United States began Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. The original purpose of the war was to find Al-Qaeda, who the U.S. held responsible for the terrorist attacks.

In 2010, roughly 62,000 troops were in Afghanistan, and $228.2 billion was spent during that year, according to nationalpriorities.org.

In March of 2003, Bush declared a second war: the War in Iraq. U.S. troops were on a search for weapons of mass destruction that were believed to be hidden in Iraq.

And, in 2010, the U.S. was still in this war as well.

Sarah Cramer

War in Iraq Casualties, by Feb. 16, 2010 according to CNN.com:

Total: 4,697
Americans: 4,380
Britons: 179
Italians: 33
Poles: 22
Ukrainians: 18
Bulgarians: 13
Spaniards: 11
Danes: 7
Georgians: 5
Salvardoran: 5
Slovaks: 4
Latvians: 3
Romanians: 3
Australians: 2
Dutch: 2
Estonians: 2
Thai: 2
Azerbaijani: 1
Czechs: 1
Fijians: 1
Hungarian: 1
Kazakh: 1
South Korean: 1

War in Afghanistan Casualties, by Feb. 16, 2010 according to CNN.com:

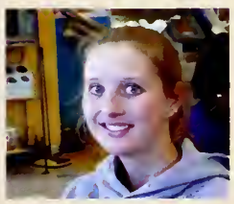
Total: 1,625
Americans: 980
Britons: 261
Canadians: 140
French: 40
Germans: 31
Danes: 29
Spaniards: 28
Italians: 22
Dutch: 21
Poles: 16
Australians: 11
Romanians: 11
Estonians: 7
Norwegians: 5
Swedes: 4
Czech: 3
Latvian: 3
NATO/ISAF: 3
Hungarians: 2
Portuguese: 2
Turks: 2
Belgians: 1
Finn: 1
Lithuanian: 1
South Korean: 1



"I think whatever needs to get done [should] get done, and [then they need to] come back. It's like they're taking forever to figure out what they want to do."
-Trent Grondin, senior general studies major



"I believe that the war in Iraq is for a good cause. Everything happens for a reason. The was in Iraq will open up doors for the future America."
-Kevin Brooks, senior criminal justice major



"I think we need to train the Iraqis how to fight, then get out."
-Ashley Rogers, junior business major



"It's all b.s. I have six friends overseas and I wish they will make it home safely."
-Jeremy Evans, senior biology major



An Overseas Tragedy

that shook the world

Disaster. Tragedy. Travesty.

The world fell silent as news of the earthquake in Port-au-Prince, Haiti hit the airwaves. News headlines found on Yahoo.com read "tens of thousands found dead." More than 200,000 children were left orphaned due to the earthquake and its aftermath.

America wasted no time, sending in agencies to provide help, supplies and resources to the Haitians. Volunteer organizations sent as many volunteers as were able to try to help the victims. Organizations worked on putting together nonperishable food baskets. Others sent boxes upon boxes of clothes, jackets, toiletries and the like.

For days, the news focused on the destruction and devastation caused by the earthquake. Every major news network reported on the horror in Haiti.

Celebrities and college students alike attempted to do their part. Celebrities, like George Clooney and Nicole Kidman, did their parts, helping in telethons to raise over $60 million to donate to Haiti and the relief efforts.

College students were not excluded in hearing of the disaster in Haiti. Hardly a commercial break appeared that there was not a reminder or an update on Haiti's state. Though some saw commercials or advertisements on the web to donate to foundations such as UNICEF and World Vision, others were faced with a new way to donate.

The Facebook statuses and tweets of many students encouraged others to text "HAITI" to a phone number and automatically donate $10 to the Haitian cause. Over $20 million was raised in the first week of the campaign, alone.

Other students showed their support and respect to the victims of the earthquake disaster in other ways. On Jan. 19, 2010, students throughout America wore red to remind everybody to keep others aware of the disaster.

Social media helped greatly to promote charities, to keep others aware of the events in Haiti, and to inform others of events such as the Wear Red for Haiti campaign.

Paul Adams

killing two birds with one stone



Faculty and students of the Jazz band pumped up the volume for Haiti by presenting a benefit concert in the spring. They entertained the audience while raising funds for the people of Haiti.

The Jazz Orchestra, the Jazz Combos and the Faculty Jazz Combos filled Magale Recital Hall with the sounds of music, using instruments from the piano to the bass guitar. The night's performances were met with a standing ovation.

John Butler, junior music education major, was one of the drummers for the night of jazz.

"I think it's great that I can help Haiti with music. Any chance that music can help, I grab hold of it," Butler said.

Tajh Derosier, senior music education major, came up with idea of a concert fundraiser for the Haiti relief effort. For Derosier, participating in the Haiti benefit concert meant a lot to him. It was more than just another performance.

"I have family in Haiti," Derosier said. "I know their pain. It dawned on me that it would be a great thing to do."

Although Derosier thought up and organized the event, he mentioned he didn't do it alone. With the help of his friends, faculty and the American Red Cross he managed to pull it off.

"Everyone was very supportive in what I was trying to do," he said.

Representatives from the American Red Cross were present outside the hall to collect donations before, during and after the show.

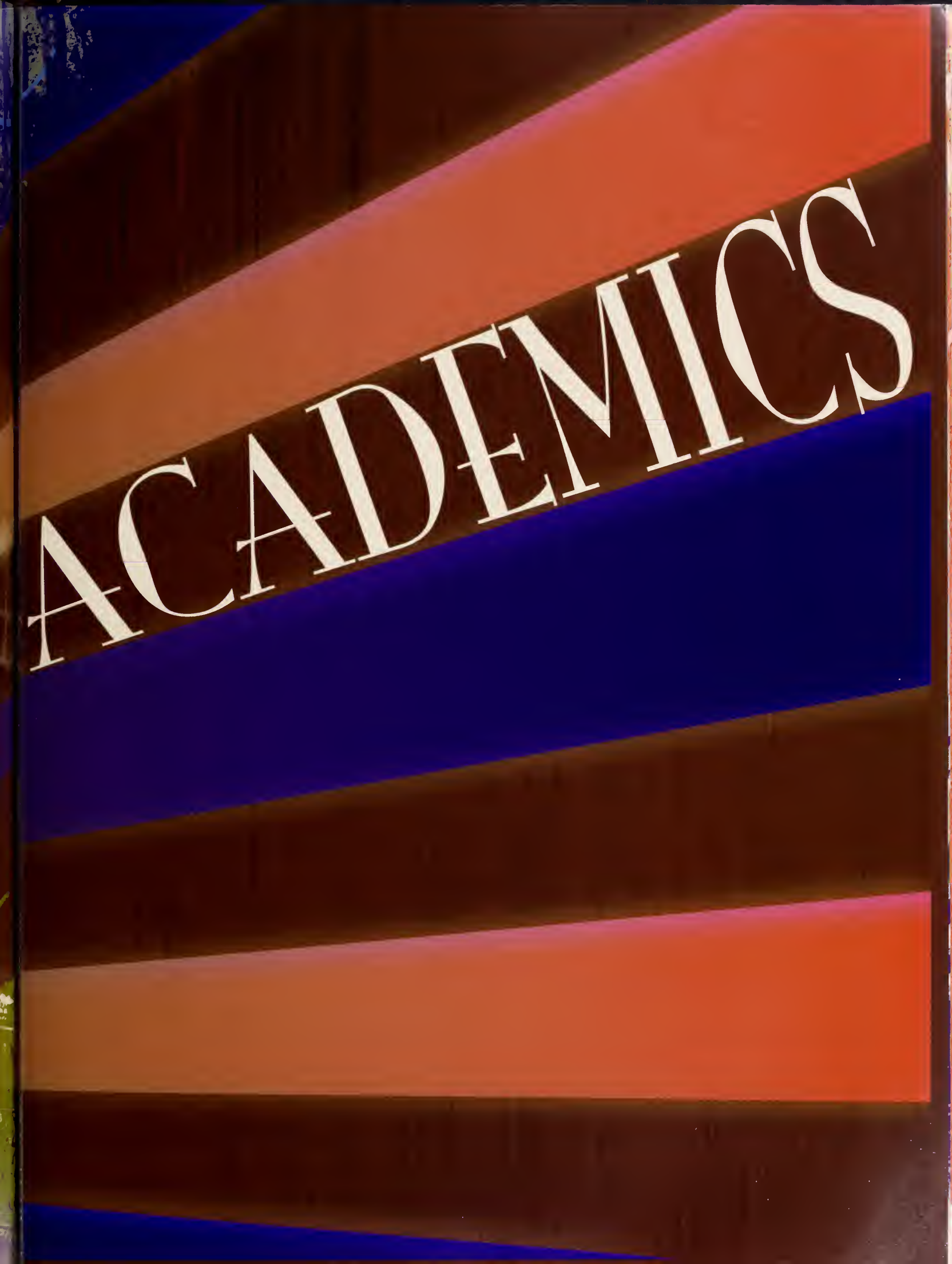
They were able to kill two birds with one stone, all through the power of music.

Taesha Johnson



Members of Kappa Sigma fraternity stand outside of Friedman Student Union collecting donations for the victims of the earthquakes in Haiti.


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ACADEMICS

1884: State Normal School established by Act 51 of the Legislature
1885: First session of Normal with an enrollment of 60 students
1892: Curriculum extended to four years
1918: Normal School authorized to grant baccalaureate degrees
1921: Name of school changed in State Constitution to Louisiana State Normal College
1926: State Normal College receives Southern Association of Colleges and Schools accreditation
1944: Name of school changed by constitution to Northwestern State College of Louisiana
1954: Northwestern becomes first college under the Louisiana State Board of Education to offer master's degrees
1965: Northwestern achieves racial integration with the admission of African-American students for the first time
1969: Northwestern begins offering programs at England Air Force Base
1970: Name of school changed by legislature to Northwestern State University
2002: Northwestern places first bachelor's program online

NSU @ 125

growth throughout the years

125 years of countless students have "entered to learn-left to serve." For decades in the future students will come for this same purpose. Northwestern survived it all: hurricanes, fires, wars, The Great Depression, economic recessions, losing seasons and more. But it is through this Northwestern has grown and flourished.

"This university has never lost sight of its heritage in teacher education and all that implies about excellence in teaching and teacher/student relations," President Randall Webb said in the Northwestern at 125 commemorative book. "We are a university that reveres and builds upon its memorable past, yet is state-of-the-art in its planning and applications as we strive toward premier university status."

Our wish is that each student here should know the forces, which have made our Normal grow. Some forces we casually may espy; they need no advertisement. The inner eye alone discovers those whose strength depends upon a finer, subtler power, which blends with feeling. Past work, past hopes, old ideals are the spices, perfumes, flowers, leaves in the jar that blend their several odors and distil them gently through the air of Normal Hill. Come, let us make fast this votive bond, and pledge without delay: "Fealty to the Normal of an Older Day."



Firefighters work long and hard to cont the blaze, but in 1983 Caldwell hall burn down, and Ghost Isablla lost her hor

Information in this section is collaborated from past Potpourris and the 2009 edition of the Northwestern at 125 Commemorative Edition Coffee Table Book.

1929: Normal College cited as the 12th largest teacher training school in the nation
1949: Nursing program established
1950: ROTC, military science programs established
1955: Graduate school established
1956: Special education programs initiated
1970: Aviation science program established
1987: Louisiana Scholars' College established



A world bubbling with life, tradition and folklore, situated in a storybook land at historic Natchitoches, La. Where gaiety and friendliness are brewed in the same kettle and tasted by all. This is Northwestern. A ynamic world keeping pace with progress in expansion and growth. A place or inspiration and knowledge; a place of mystery and wonderment where the eeking mind labors fervently for academic quest. And after the inquiries, the uestions and the problems, the mind rests. Relaxation from the hectic life of ıe college student. Seems as if the days are not long enough and the nights 're too short before the early morning class bell rings and the dreary mind egins again its search for knowledge. Thus beats the heart of Northwestern. his is our world.



NSU Presidents



1885-1888 Dr. Edward E. Sheib
1888-1896 Col. Thomas D. Boyd
1896-1908 Beverly C. Caldwell
1908-1911 Dr. James B. Aswell
1911-1929 Victor L. Roy
1929-1934 William W. Tison
1934-1941 A. A. Fredericks
1941-1947 Dr. Joe Farrar
1947-1949 Joseph E. Gibson
1949-1950 Dr. W.G. McGinty
1950-1954 H. Lee Prather
1954-1966 Dr. John S. Kyser
1966-1977 Dr. Arnold R. Kilpatrick
1977-1982 Dr. Rene' Bienvenu
1982-1986 Dr. Joseph Orze
1986-1996 Dr. Robert A. Alost
1996-2010 Dr. Randall J. Webb



We weren't the pioneers through the entrance gates. We didn't know the people the buildings are named after. We aren't the first ones to climb to the fourth floor of Kyser. We are part of something bigger. We are continuing along a path others created. We are learning in an establishment that has surpassed the test of time. As our veins turn purple, the spirit of Northwestern grows in us. We have begun our journey along the purple line. We have joined the students of the past. More will follow. For years to come, others will travel the same path we walked today. But for now, it's our time to do as we please and to make the most of it. Today is our day to create history.

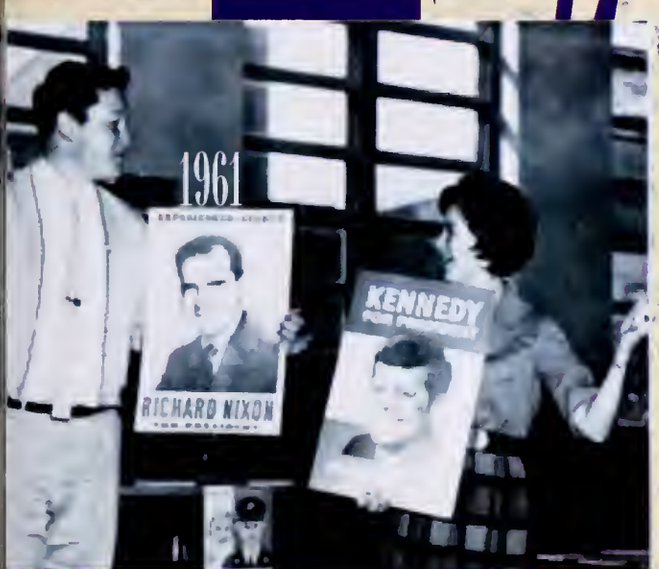




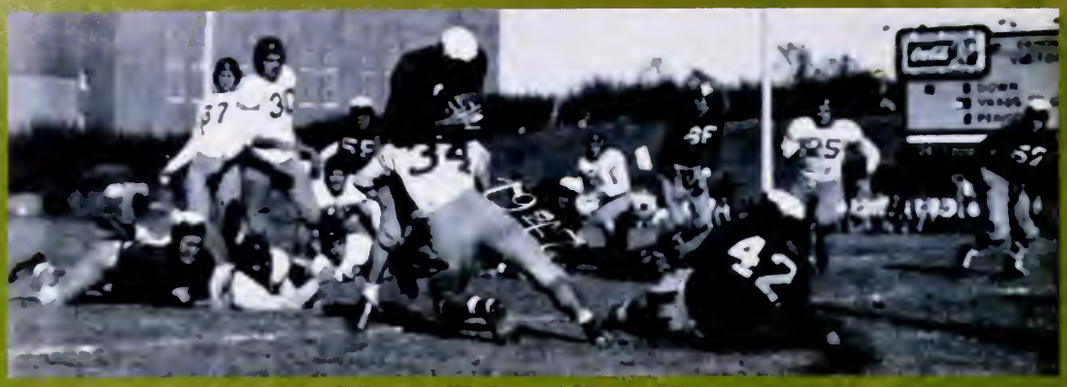








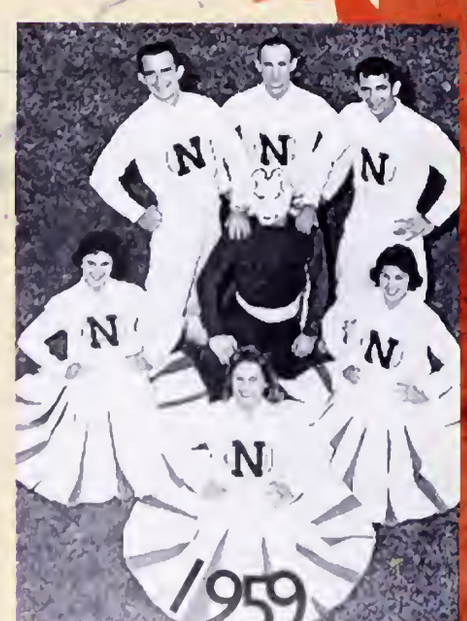
1894: First President's Home constructed
1895: Normal Building constructed; later named Boyd Hall
1898: East Hall women's dormitory constructed
1900: First Model School completed on campus
1908: Caldwell Hall administration and classroom building constructed
1910: Building designated as "B" dormitory constructed
1911: New dining hall facility constructed
1913: Kate Chopin dormitory for women completed
1913: Bullard Mansion demolished
1914: Power plant constructed
1922: New men's dormitory constructed
1923: First gymnasium built
1936: Russell Hall constructed as a library; later becoming home of College of Business
1939: Varnado Hall women's dormitory completed
1956: Prudhomme Hall men's dormitory completed
1958: Williamson Hall science building constructed
1958: St. Denis Dining Hall opens
1961: Caddo Hall dormitory completed
1963: Prather Coliseum constructed
1963: Bossier Hall dormitory opens
1964: Roy Hall administration building completed
1966: Sabine Hall women's dormitory opens
1966: Rapides Hall men's dormitory opens
1966: Iberville Dining Hall opens
1968: Kyser Hall classroom building completed
1970: Health & Human Performance building completed
1970: Biological sciences building completed; later named Bienvenu Hall
1971: New president's home built on campus
1972: Eugene P. Watson Memorial Library completed
1997: Russell Hall renovation completed
2009: Williamson Hall renovation project completed





1939: Football stadium constructed, later named Turpin Stadium
1939: Football team completes first undefeated season
1966: Football team has second undefeated season in history
1977: Athletic Field House built and Turpin Stadium expanded
1998: Demon football team advances to Division I-AA semifinals





1911: Marching band formed
1945: The Demonaires organized as the official college dance band
2008: Northwestern's band named one of the top eight in the county by the Web site www.collegeotr.com













1923: First gymnasium built
1940: Men's gymnasium completed
1967: Gymnastics team wins national championship in AAU and NAIA
1972: Graduate "N" Club Hall of Fame established
1976: Work begins on Northwestern Recreation Complex golf course and swimming pool
1976: NSU athletics become part of NCAA Division I
1989: NSU rowing teams established
2001: Demon basketball team makes NCAA Tournament for the first time
2006: Demon basketball team upsets Iowa in NCAA Tournament



The gleaner's task is done, and we have bound into a sheaf the precious ears we garnered 'neath the sun. As home we go in glad relief, beneath the harvest moon, we see many a purple cluster shine and gleaming, golden ears we passed too soon—so many things for lack of skill and time we, faulty harvesters, have left within the field, yet, pray we, for all we left so much undone, you may have found the harvest yields some perfect grain that ripened the sun!





One autumn afternoon, students gatered on campus to attend their own version of "Woodstock" in 1973.



NSU became not only the home to many students, but a stop for many celebrities throughout the years.

Singer-songwriter Jim Croce was killed less than an hour after a performance at Prather Coliseum when his plane clipped a treetop taking off from the Natchitoches airport and crashed onto a highway. Croce, the pilot and four band and crew members died in the September 1973 crash.



Oprah Winfrey rode in a Homecoming parade in a surprise visit to the school and community and later referred to Natchitoches on her television show as "the greatest little city in America."



Julia Roberts, Shirley MacLaine, Sally Field, Dolly Parton, Olympia Dukakis and Daryl Hannah spent nearly three months here in 1988 filming the movie *Steel Magnolias* by NSU alumnus and Natchitoches native Bobby Harling. Dolly Parton agreed early on during her visit to sing at halftime of a NSU football game and helped pack Turpin Stadium with her performance with the NSU Band of the Grammy-winning song "9 to 5," which she wrote and recorded.

John Wayne and William Holden starred in *Horse Soldiers*, a show along Cane River Lake in Natchitoches in the 1950s.

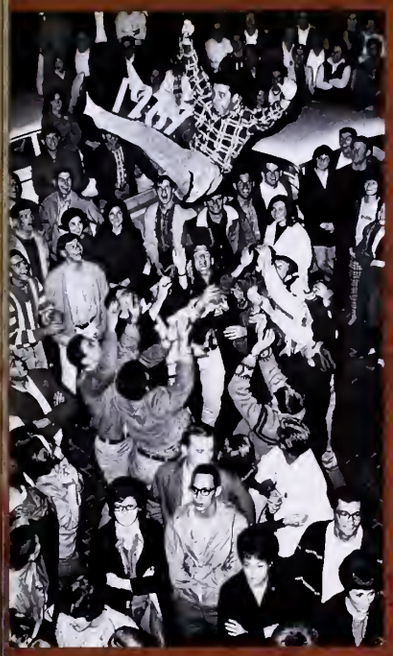
Academy Award-winning actress Reese Witherspoon filmed her first movie, *The Man in the Moon*, at Natchitoches and NSU in 1990 when she was 14.

The Hall of Fame, located on the NSU campus for more than 30 years, brought big-name athletes and coaches to NSU such as Karl Malone, Joe Adcock, Vida Blue, Terry Bradshaw, Billy Cannon, Hank Aaron, John David Crow, Joe Dumars, Lee Arthur Smith, Y.A. Tittle, Jackie Smith, Bobby Hebert, Archie Manning, Jim Mora, Robert Parish, Bob Pettit and Eddie Robinson.









The men of the earliest year join hands with the students of today to accept this dedication. With only the sprawling buildings, streets and campus, the college could not have grown, but her students have instilled in her the breath of life in years past, present and in the years to come.



How or where or when our brave Normal soldiers died matters not. Whether they sleep on the shores of "Sunny France" or under bright Italian skies, or in our own dear American soil where their last resting places are tenderly cared for, their spirits still live, and will never cease to lie, not only in the hearts and minds of those nearest and dearest by ties of blood and school associations, but in a newer and finer body of citizens throughout an international world whose ideal is that of the grand American Republic and these especial loved ones—"The Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God."





During the years spent at her fountains of knowledge come the cherished memories, which linger on to become a part of the tradition of college. Unconsciously they leave their happiness and headache, their mode of dress, new fads and expressions, the latest song and dance. Faces and names will grow dim with time but small memories and the spirit of those who come ever linger somewhere inside her walls.



1909: First Potpourri
1914: First Current Sauce
1924: "Demons" becomes nickname
1940: Student Center constructed
1956: First Mr. & Miss NSU elected
1959: Kahne Dipoala was crowned first Miss Lady of the Bracelet
1977: First Argus published
2001: Isabella moved to her new home at NCPTT

Dog Webb

president and first mama

Upper classmen were determined to put Dog Webb through the same embarrassment as the other freshmen Dog Webb and the other freshman football players, bonded together on campus with awkwardly shaved haircuts and personalized beanie hats to ensure everyone understood they were "newbies."

Fortunately President Randall Joseph Webb, then known as Dog Webb, went through this "newbie initiation" during summer football camp before his first fall semester. His hair might not have been as awkward when school started, but he joined his freshmen classmates and wore his beanie hat with "Dog Webb" written across it.

NSU was a part of Webb's life long before his first semester. His father was an NSU chemistry professor and even introduced Webb to the head of the math department. That meeting furthered Webb's interest and pushed him toward earning two undergraduate degrees: mathematics and business education, and later a Master of Science in mathematics, Webb said.

His father continued to work at NSU as the director of alumni affairs and placement while Webb was a student.

Webb had no doubt that his father knew everything going on while he was there.

"I was still in college and enjoying it," Webb said.

Webb's involvement on campus added to his college experience. He was involved in the Student Government Association as a class senator and he was a representative for the student body when Prather Coliseum was first opened in 1964.

Webb lived in Prudhome Hall, which is now part of the Louisiana School for Math and Science, and North Hall, which is the current ROTC building, his freshman year. He moved to West Caspari Hall for the next two years until it was eventually torn down. As a graduate student he resided in Bossier Hall.

Webb not only lived in several places around NSU's campus, but he also has lived and worked in several other universities as well.

He began working at Longwood College in Farmville, Va. in 1966 teaching mathematics after completing his undergraduate and graduate school studies at NSU. He later worked on his doctorate in math education at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg.

While teaching and furthering his own education were important to him, Webb found another passion in his life that would also accompany him when he left USM. His wife, Brenda, was a student worker at the time and met the young educator as he came into the office she was working in.

"I admired him for his talents and for being able to teach college students," Mrs. Webb said.

Webb returned to work at Longwood College after he earned his doctorate until 1974.

After, he served as the director of higher education and teacher certification for Louisiana in 1974. His final job before returning to NSU was at Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond, La. Webb first served as a director of institutional research and EEO officer from 1976-1983 and then he worked in the registrar and as a part-time faculty member in mathematics from 1983-1989.

"I've loved every job I've ever had," Webb said.

But NSU has always been home for Webb, and he said he hoped he would return.

"I knew early on that Northwestern would be part of my life with him," Mrs. Webb said.

He got his wish in 1989 when he took on the position of Dean of Instruction and Graduate Studies and professor of mathematics. Webb became the 17th president in 1996 making NSU his permanent home for the past 14 years.

NSU's enrollment rose to its highest levels during Webb's tenure, but it still remained a university small enough for the president's role to be a personal one.

"It's a constant busy schedule, but it's a wonderful schedule." Mrs. Webb said. "It's not about us. It's about the students."

Webb's return to NSU as a faculty member did not involve a "newbie initiation" like his freshman year. Seven years after he returned to teach Dog Webb appeared wearing his academic dress, representing his accomplishments since he started his higher education instead of his personalized beanie hat.

Andrew Bordelon



photo by Bethany Frank

President Webb



President Webb

What is your favorite TV show?
The Office

Favorite movie?
The Sound of Music

Favorite music?
Classical, Sacred, Easy Listening, Rock and Roll

Favorite artist?
Creedence Clearwater Revival

Favorite book?
Bible

Favorite website?
www.refdesk.com and www.nsula.edu

What was your first job?
Working in my family's business- customer service, deliveries, etc.

Favorite cities?
Natchitoches, Shreveport, Haynesville, Hattiesburg, Miss.

Favorite food?
Shrimp and seafood

Favorite NFL or MLB team?
Saints; Cardinals

What is your dream vacation?
Any trip where I can be with Brenda in a venue she enjoys

Who is your hero?
My parents, Brenda and my family

Mrs. Webb

What is your favorite TV show?
Everybody Loves Raymond; Dancing With the Stars; So You Think You Can Dance

Favorite movie?
Seabiscuit

Favorite music?
Classic Rock

Favorite artist?
Jeremy say's it's him

Favorite book?
Bible

Favorite website?
Google

What was your first job?
Recreation Day Camp Leader

Favorite cities?
Dallas, St. Louis

Favorite food?
Chicken

Favorite NFL or MLB team?
The Saints

What is your dream vacation?
Hawaii

Who is your hero?
Randy Webb; Our American Troops



photo by Kirk Martin

Stepping Up

new shoes to fill

"Man plans, God 'unplans,'" Dr. Lisa Abney said. "My world changed drastically."

Abney changed her shoes, and with eyes filled with tears, stepped into the position of acting provost and vice president of academic student affairs after being dean of the college of liberal arts for a year.

"I have cried real tears with every job I ever had. Part of who I was," she said. "It's hard for me when I leave them."

Abney was the temporary replacement for Thomas Hanson after he decided to resume his teaching post in the math department for personal and family reasons.

As provost, Abney worked about 12 to 13 hours a day. Spending about 40 percent of the time on paperwork, 40 percent in meetings, and then 20 to 25 percent of the time walking and talking with students and faculty and teaching.

"It's good and I enjoy it," she said. "You have to really like administration to do this job, and I do."

The provost is the official chief of the academic office, Abney said. She works on student policy items the Student Government Association can't do, such as grades and academic issues, works on faculty contracts, purchasing, letter writing, various course-related items, and faculty issues.

"You have to have your ducks in a row," Abney said. "I knew i [the workload] was heavy, but if you don't come in, you don't realize it."

But regardless of the piles of work on her desk, Abney made time to walk around the campus and get to know the students and faculty.

"We can't fix stuff if we don't know it's broken," she said.

Abney earned her bachelors degree in Spanish and master's degree in English at A&M University in Texas. She then earned her Doctorate of English at the University of Houston.

Abney originally planned on studying law, but she had a classics instructor that changed her mind.

"Wow, that would be a fun job to have," she said regarding her class and commented that she liked to learn.

"I went home the next week and told my family I wanted to be a professor."

The native Texan found a home at Northwestern and a career.

"I initially came here to teach. I never expected I would've come this far," Abney said. "I just always do the best job I can do with the job I have. Then things just happen."

Abney came to Northwestern in 1997 to teach and a year later became the Director of the Folklife Center. She then became the Head of Language and Communications in 2005 and was promoted to Dean of College of Liberal Arts for the past academic year.

Bethany Frank

Wider Outreach

coca-cola adds to campus

The ability to communicate with students grew with Watson Library's newest addition: a Coca-Cola sponsored marquee.

Coca-Cola donated the marquee as part of a contract that stipulated it be used to inform students and the community about campus events.

The Coke contract ensured the university would sell no less than 90 percent of Coke products as beverages, but allowed for 10 percent of other beverages to be served.

"Under Louisiana law, a vendor who signs a 90/10 contract is obligated to provide some kind of physical improvement or enhancement for that campus," Athletic Director Greg Burke said.

The contract in effect between Coke and NSU was partially worked on by Burke.

Coke donated the money necessary for the purchase and installation of the new marquee to fulfill its obligation to give at least $50,000 to NSU as part of the 10-year contract, Burke said.

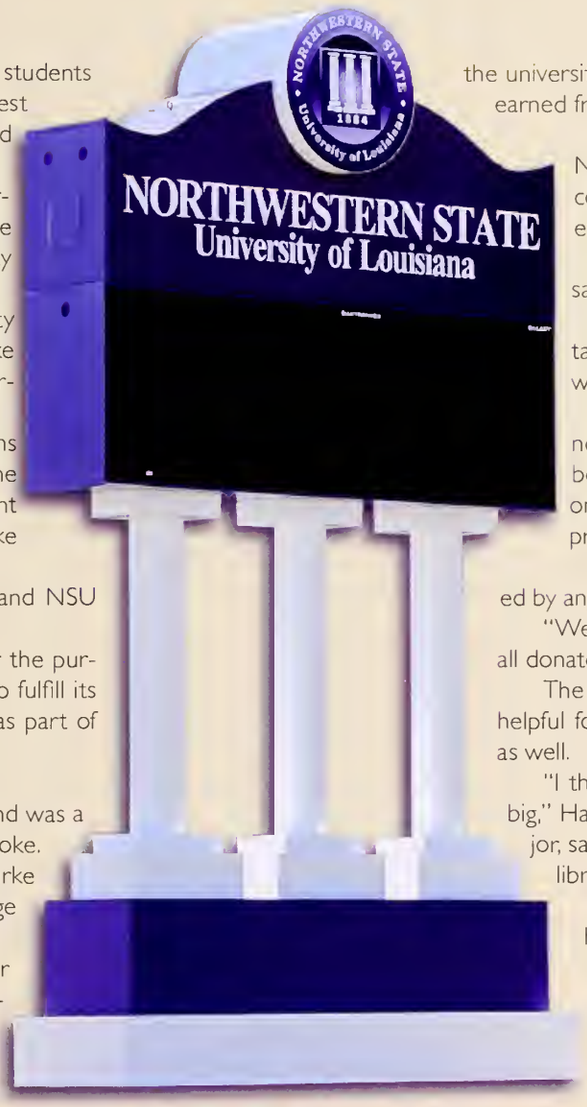
"It didn't cost NSU a dime," he added.

This contract went into effect in 2006 and was a change from NSU's prior agreements with Coke.

"We use to have a vendors contract," Burke said. "Now we have a non-exclusive beverage pouring rights contract."

Director of Auxiliary Services Jennifer Kelly also helped develop the current contract with Coke.

NSU had only a vending contract with the company prior to Nov. 1, 2006, meaning the university would only receive a percentage of the sales earned from the drink vending machines, Kelly said.



The current contract, signed in 2006, gave NSU up front capital, annual payments and a continuation of the percentage of drink sales, she explained.

"There had to be a capital donation," Kelly said.

The marquee was in the contract as the capital donation required to be given by Coca-Cola when the contract was signed.

Kelly said the reason the new marquee had not been constructed until now, however, was because NSU was in the process of finding someone to construct the sign within the university's price range.

The money available to spend was not affected by any of the recent state-wide budget cuts though.

"We didn't use any state money," Kelly said. "It was all donated money."

The donation of the new marquee was not only helpful for NSU's budget, but for its physical landscape as well.

"I think the sign is pretty because it is so new and big," Hattie Vaughn, junior business administration major, said. "It makes the appearance of the front of the library more pleasing."

President Randall Webb agreed, and added he was ultimately surprised.

"I was aware of the contract and that we would be receiving a new sign, but I was impressed to see the end result," Webb said.

Andrew Bordelon



photo by Gary Hardamon


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Expanding Horizons

soaring globally

Poet William Blake said, "No bird soars too high if he soars with his own wings."

The College of Business worked with students to help them soar beyond their expectations and fly toward the future.

Graduates worked everywhere across the U.S. and internationally to locations such as Korea to Paris.

"Being in the College of Business, we do have a lot of exposure from some large companies," Ronnie Washington, junior business administration major, said.

Companies such as Wells Fargo, State Farm and Disney came to campus to recruit for both internships and career opportunities.

In addition to sending students abroad, globally students sought NSU and its business department.

For example this year business majors Isabelle Zdancewicz, Thomas Fabrice, Yvon Vidal, Delphine Veronique Vieljeux, Yann Claude Simon and Julien Attias participated in an exchange program from Paris.

The competitive nature, which was prevalent among the business students, encouraged everyone to do their best, Washington said.

The classes within the college were well-structured and smaller than average, which helped students communicate personally and directly with professors, he continued.

"The small classes have really helped me, especially during my accounting classes and other more difficult classes where extra attention from the professors was needed to understand difficult topics," Jack Hano, senior business administration major, said.

"Students also got the chance to work locally, or co-op with an employer that fit their major; in conjunction with smaller classes and extracurricular organizations," Margaret Kilcoyne, associate professor and director of business programs, said.

"We're here to help prepare students to enter the world of business," Kilcoyne said.

Amanda Duncil

Business majors Josh Russell, Nancy Griffin and James McAlpin placed this summer in Anaheim, Calf. at the Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda National Leadership Conference competition. They competed against a total of 1,776 participants.

The College of Business also participates in other events including:

The Homecoming Brunch, which was a time for students, alumni and faculty to re-unite while recognizing outstanding alumni, business and faculty achievements.

The J. Walter Porter Forum, which served as an outlet for students to hear successful business executives speak about their area of work and informs students about various prospects after graduation.

The Cyber Forensics camp, was hosted in July in conjunction with the Cyber Innovation Center in Bossier City, where more than 36 students from local high schools participated in a simulated a criminal investigation by using cyber forensic techniques.



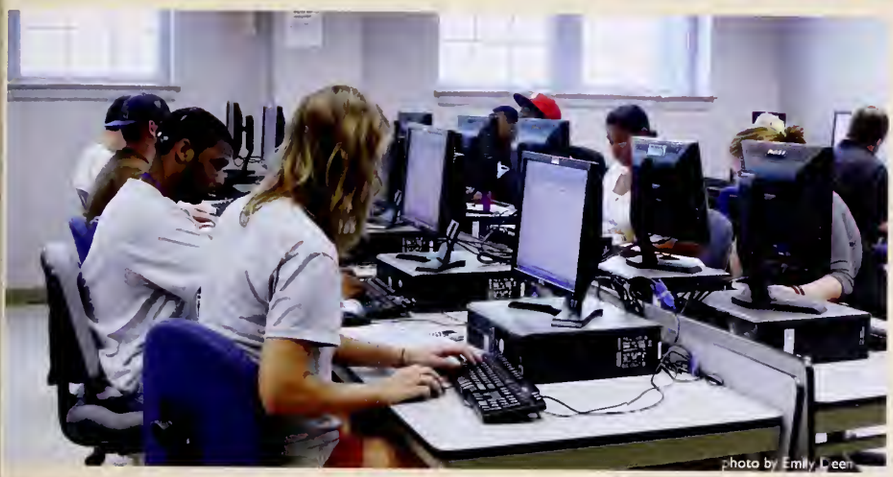


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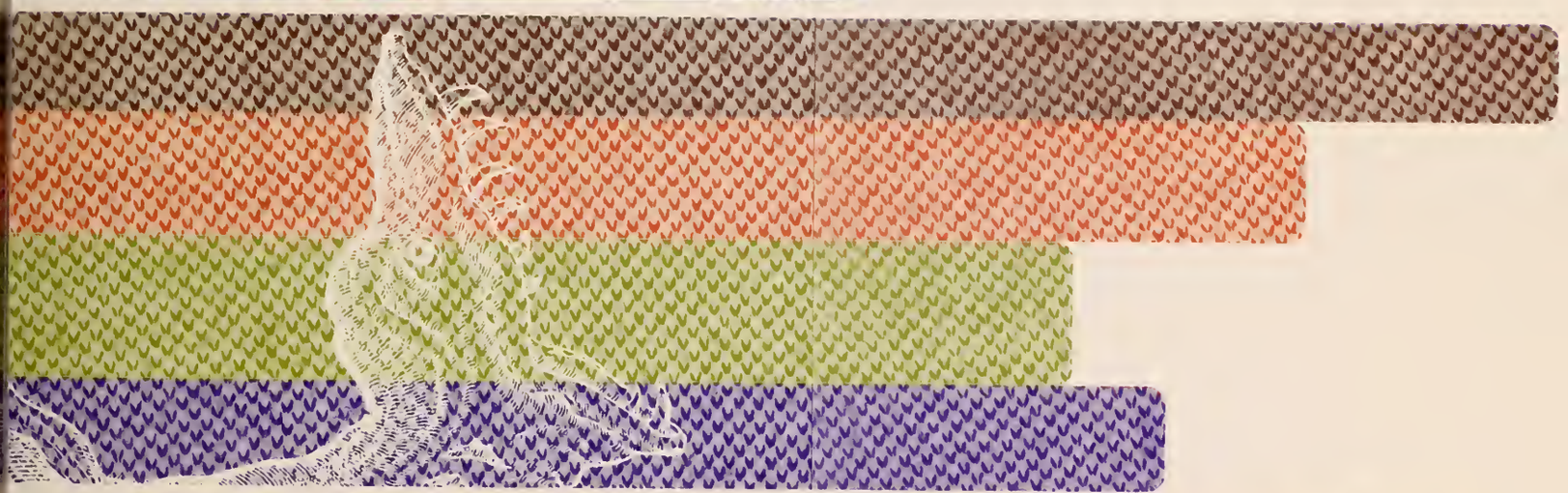
Business majors had access to the business computer lab "24/7."

"We have shared with our students that it was their money that purchased the equipment for their use," Kilcoyne said.

With the use of the special card-reader lock, students had unlimited access to the camera-monitored facilities with their student ID so they could work uninterrupted throughout the year.

"I've had to use the computer lab after hours a few times to finish projects that I was unable to complete at home and would not have been able to do this without 24-hour lab access," Jack Hano, senior business administration major, said.

The lab proved to be useful during his business statistics class since he didn't have Excel at home and the library was closed.





BUSINESS

Students in the College of Business can earn a degree in accounting, computer information systems or business administration. Within the business administration program, students can focus their studies with concentrations in economics, finance, marketing and management.

The College of Business has five student organizations that participate in various competitions and are involved with special projects related to business: Association of Information Technology Professionals, Beta Gamma Sigma, Business Professionals of America and Phi Beta Lambda, Epsilon Delta Pi, and Students in Free Enterprise.



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Where it all Began

keeping with the basics

Northwestern began 125 years ago as a normal school, and it is that foundation the College of Education built upon. Tying into most other departments on campus such as Early Childhood and Family Consumer Sciences, and Health and Human Performance, the Education department kept with Northwestern's legacy of "teaching students to teach."

The Louisiana Board of Regents recognized the College of Education for its Alternative Certification Program, a fast-track program that opened the door for adults coming into the teaching field from other fields of work, such as someone who worked as an accountant coming in for training so that they could teach accounting.

The Alternative Certification Program ranked in the highest categories of the Louisiana Teacher Preparation Value-Added Assessment Report.

"The report looks at how affective the teachers are that graduate [from the program] by comparing them to veteran teachers," Dr. Barbara Duchardt, graduate studies coordinator, said. "The report shows that NSU is training teachers to perform as well or better than the experienced teachers."

The support the College of Education gave its teachers-in-training kept the department a success.

"The dedication of all the instructors to see that every future educator succeeds is what makes that possible," Zachary Price, junior history major, said.

Dr. Paul Nagel, assistant professor, attributed the department's impact and successfulness of its graduates to be the one-on-one attention and the small class sizes.

Undergraduates of the College of Education had access to the elementary lab school, middle lab school and the Natchitoches Center lab school as student teachers. This allowed them to get in-field experience two or three times a week, Duchardt said.

With the world always evolving and changing, there was something NSU tapped into more than a hundred years ago, and that was that the need to have teachers to teach would always remain.

LaKimbria Williams







(Opposite Page) The old school house located by the lab schools.

(Top Left) Brittany Pierce, education major, works with Chris Waldrip in Amy Moore's and Holly Nowalk's 3rd grade class.

(Top Right) Elizabeth Pool, education major, works with Alyrica Winder in Amy Moore's and Holly Nowalk's 3rd grade class.

(Left) Lannie Green, education major, works with Gabby Fernbaugh in Phyllis Breedlove's 2nd grade class.

Hands-on Approach

taking it outside the classroom

Making "under the bridge visits" and community calls were just a couple of the ways the College of Nursing students learned how to be successful in the real world.

"We use areas that are not necessarily considered hospitals," Debbie Moore, College of Nursing director of student services, said. "We go to the health department. We have students that are going out checking restaurants. We have people that are taking care of people under bridges."

While learning outside the classroom, they also took the opportunity to reach out to the community. The Shreveport College of Nursing students raised money to support the Susan B. Komen Race for the Cure Foundation, raising more than $300.

"They wanted to express to the community breast cancer awareness," Moore said. "They saw their community as a school."

The graduate students also found ways to get involved, working with chronic patients in a volunteer clinic.

"Look at America," Dr. Norann Planchock, dean of the college of nursing, said. "We're overweight, have high blood pressure, our nutrition isn't great and we don't eat healthy. By working with these patients, the students were able to learn about how to care for them, as well as help them form lifestyle changes."

And while the students were in the classroom, much of their learning was hands-on. From checking each other's vital signs to interacting with patients, students got a first-hand, and sometimes out-of-the-ordinary, experience at what goes on in the medical world.

Renzie Rahim, junior nursing major, found this type of learning challenging, but helpful.

"We do a lot of didactics, but [also] a lot of hands-on stuff to reinforce what we learn," he said.

The College of Nursing was introduced in 1949, and in 2010, was the fourth largest nursing school in the nation, Moore said.

To pursue a degree in nursing, students first completed the pre-nursing program during their freshman and sophomore years, where they took all the core classes necessary to complete their degree.

After completing the pre-nursing program, juniors were able to begin their first level of nursing school, or clinicals, where they practiced strictly nursing.

And by the time the students reached their senior year, they were able to practice in the hospital.

Students who were part of this nursing program were able to go into any type of nursing, based on the vast experience they received, Moore said.

"When [they] go to work [they] can do a variety of things, and I think that's a real big advantage," she said.

Hannah Waters, junior nursing major, and Charlie Potts, senior nursing major, both found their experiences at the college rewarding.

"It's been challenging," Waters said. "It keeps me very busy, but I enjoy it. I wouldn't have it any other way."

Potts said, "After talking to several nursing schools, I can definitely see where we're one of the best in the state."

Sarah Cramer



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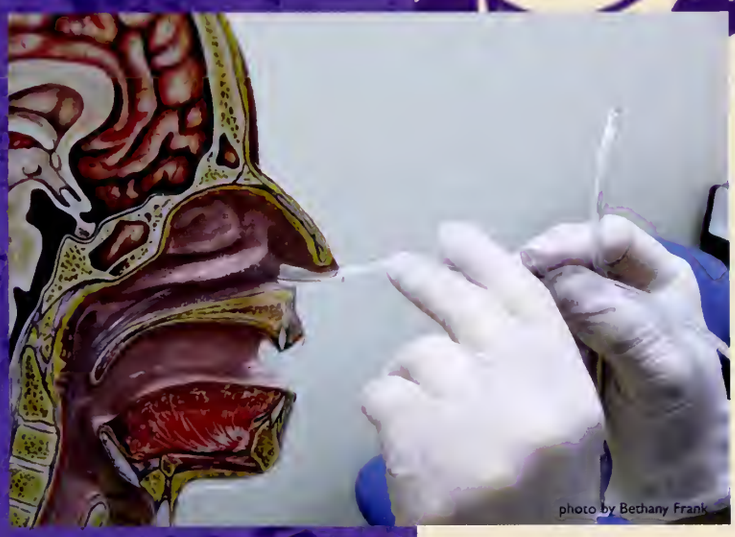


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evolving for the future

Journalism students were faced with a few changes within the program.

The department chose to begin a "journalism face-lift" by shifting from the traditional concentrations of public relations, news editorial or broadcast, and toward a modern convergence-style curriculum, Mary Brocato, associate professor of journalism, said.

Incoming journalism students became part of a media studies program with 21 hours of electives, giving them the freedom to take classes based on their interest, providing them with a more rounded education. Basic journalism principles still remained, but the course was expanded to allow students to be prepared for careers, Brocato said.

Due to a variety of factors, including budget constraints, the department announced they would not reapply for accreditation.

The accreditation renewal process took a lot of time and money, Brocato said. She noted the work required by the staff amounted to several thousands of hours and gave minimal benefits.

"We thought we could better spend our time and work toward developing a curriculum for journalism that met the 20th century needs of journalism," Brocato said. "Journalists today have to be able to multi-platform"

Brocato said the decision not to apply for accreditation carried no negative impact on the school and believed they were now "on the cutting edge" with the curriculum changes.

"We've needed to revamp this program for quite some time," Dr. Paula Furr, journalism department head, said.

Furr said the changes in the curriculum should work in the students' favor because it would better prepare them for the convergent-style world of journalism.

Chris Watts, senior media studies major, switched back to the journalism program this year

"If anything, I think it would be better for the students," Watts said.

After experiencing both the old and new programs, Watts said he didn't see much difference between the two, but that he had previously taken all the required courses.

"The whole purpose of a student majoring in journalism, I think, is to be prepared to get a job out of school," Brocato said. "I think we made a wise decision."

Watts was confident that his experience and skill would help him get a job and was not worried about accreditation.

"The school going up in accreditation, to be honest, scared me a little at first," Mary Jordan, sophomore news editorial major, said. "I thought my degree was changing, and the world was ending. I have found, though, that ultimately it has not affected me negatively. I am sure it is good for the school, so I guess what it means to me is that I am attending a good school."

Amanda Duncil

Degree Programs

Criminal Justice

Journalism

Language and Communication

Psychology

Creative & Performing Arts

Social Sciences

Social Work



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powered parachute took flight

The large rainbow-colored parachute rises from the ground and the vehicle it's attached to lifts into the air, carrying two passengers and a slew of special equipment with it. As they are drifting nonchalantly through the air, Tommy Hailey, associate professor of anthropology and director of the cultural resource office, takes still pictures of the Earth while his assistant records it with a video camera.

Using the powered parachute, Hailey took pictures of archaeological sites. Since the topography of the Earth is always changing, the pictures and videos documented what the sites once looked like for future generations and how they changed from year to year. The pictures are also used to see sites from a different perspective or discover new sites.

"We use [the parachute] for low altitude aerial reconnaissance, or an aerial survey of the sites," Hailey said. "You can see things from the air that you can't see on the ground."

In conjunction with videos and pictures, Hailey received a special camera in October that allowed him to take infrared thermal images of sites.

"We use [the camera] to locate hidden archaeological features," Hailey said.

Pictures taken with the camera showed patches of earth based on their temperatures. Cooler patches indicated that the dirt was looser from being dug up in the past, in which case there might be something buried there.



The parachute was easy to steer, low maintenance, and gave Hailey and his team more control and stability than a balloon or remote controlled airplane, he said.

"The benefit to having the powered parachute over anything else is that it goes about 30 to 40 miles an hour so you're not zooming so fast past the sites," Joseph A. Evans, heritage resources graduate research student, said.

The parachute was a low-cost solution to spending hundreds of thousands of dollars renting helicopters or aircrafts, Evans said.

Evans and the other graduate students benefited from the powered parachute as well; they used aerial shots of sites along with ground-level data in their projects.

Aerial archaeology was a unique method of conducting research, however in the United States it remained uncommon. Hailey received funding for the powered parachute in 2001 from the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training. They had used it on multiple excursions across the country since then, including projects in conjunction with national parks and military sites.

Amanda Duncil


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fallen heros

Within the world of CAPA, you have to be prepared for anything.

Jessica Lopez, double music and education major, was the leading lady in the fall opera, "The Merry Widow." Two weeks before opening night she got strep throat. She nursed herself back to health by getting as much rest as possible and not speaking when she didn't need to.

"I got a little tickle in my throat the night before so that was a little scary," Lopez said.

On opening night Lopez said her vocal cords came through for her, considering she hit all of her high notes.

Lopez wasn't the only one to encounter a "surprise," Taylor Mars, junior theatre major, encountered a scare as well.

Just days before he was scheduled to perform before hundreds of guests in the annual Christmas Gala, Mars took a slip that nearly swept him out the show.

"We were rehearsing during the first full dress. It was chalk on the floor and I got it on my foot when I was dancing the first dance number," said Mars. "When we did a leap, I managed to flip out of the leap and sprain my foot. It hurt really badly."

You would think that after that leap for the worse, he would no longer be able to perform in the Christmas Gala. Not so. The director decided Mars would perform his number on stage as originally planned- only from a wheel chair this time. Some of his spots had to be filled by fellow cast members and an understudy took care of the African-inspired dance number that Mars had a part in.


photo by Kirk Martin

"We changed all the formations that I was in," Mars said. "It was interesting to sit in a wheel chair after doing the dance combination just days ago."

Taesha Johnson

A little bit of everything

something to call your own

The College of Liberal Arts prepared students to enter graduate school and the work force by collaborating a variety of different skills such as critical thinking, writing and speaking skills.

The college offered both Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees as well as Master of Arts and Master of Science degrees.

Faculty used a combination of traditional and non-traditional methods, as well as modern information technologies, to prepare students for the next step in both their professional and academic careers.

Faculty members of the college also sought to remain on the cutting edge of scholarship and artistic production, as reflected in books and articles accepted by leading publishing houses and scholarly journals. Artistic efforts created in the college were presented at nationally respected galleries and performance centers, according to the NSU Web site.

New Heights

taking a closer look


photo by Lillian Hare

Math, science, health and human performance, and chemistry classes were the building blocks of every student's career.

Most students only had to take the core classes and were then done with math and science, but there were some who found a passion in math, science and technology.

"I've always been interested in biology, and it is a subject I truly enjoy learning more about," Meredith Richard, sophomore biology major, said.

For students like Meredith Richard, the College of Science and Technology offered multiple degrees and classes. Every student was able to participate in field experiments, research, organizations and more.

"We try to provide our students with fresh ideas, ways to study and the best and latest equipment," Dr. Austin Temple Jr., dean of College of Science and Technology, said.

Taylor Graves



taking flight

Your heart is pounding, the plane is shaking, and before you know it, you are ying miles above everything else. Cities become as small as cell phones. You are rrounded by blue sky and flying through clouds. You feel like you can go nywhere.

Some students dreamt of taking the wheel of their "flight," but the viation department made that dream a reality.

"Just to be able to take an aircraft 3,000 feet and fly about NSU and latchitoches without a flight instructor or anyone with you gives you this strong ense of success," Casey Marr, sophomore aviation major, said.

The aviation department made a name for itself through its rounded curriculum nd involved staff and instructors.

"I live by a military base and have talked to many different pilots from all branches, nd they all recommended NSU," Marr said. "My flight instructor tells me to text him anytime ay or night if I have any questions."

NSU offered the aviation degree for 40 years. The department followed Federal viation Administration (FAA) guidelines for ground school and flight training and was part of e National Intercollegiate Flying Association.

Through ground school, students learned how to read airplane instruments, the PS and meteorology screens in an airplane. After passing ground school, students started ight training beginning with monitored flights and leading to solo flights.

"Aviation deals with constant repetition because the same things occur every day, o we are drilled on the same things from the classroom to the airport," Melvin Edgar, sophomore aviation major, said.

The basic U.S. guidelines to fly an airplane changed since the attacks on Sept. 11, 001. Anyone learning to fly airplanes had to supply his or her original birth certificate and e an American citizen. If he or she was not an American citizen, they had to be cleared by a BI background check. Every student had to also pass an FAA medical physical before flying.

"My favorite flight was my first one, even though I vomited everything I ate earlier, but it was my favorite flight because I was so excited and anxious that I couldn't wait to get into the air," Edgar said.

Graduates of the program went to various aviation careers, including local, national and international airports. Edgar planned on joining the U.S. Air Force and gain more flight experience with the military.

"I wanted to become a pilot since I was a kid," Edgar said. "It is everything that I thought about when I was a kid, that I was in control of my own destiny."

Flying an airplane allowed pilots to see and experience the world in a whole different aspect.

"When you are up there, you feel extremely free like there are no problems," Marr said. "The rush of adrenaline is like no other."



curing cancer via mice

A research project involved with cancer began in the department of biology in 2008, according to Dr. Zafer Hatahet, professor of biology.

Two mice were injected with different forms of cancer. Throughout the previous year, the research mainly involved the breeding of the mice and assigning genotypes.

The breeding part of the research was published in the scientific journal of *Proceedings National Academy of Science* in May 2009.

In the fall 2009 semester, research resumed, starting with identifying each mouse's genotype to determine how the cancer spread through breeding. This was done by cutting the mice's tails, extracting DNA from each one and performing the procedure PCR.

After determining genotypes, students and faculty looked at each cancer and genotype, and performed experiments to determine various pieces of information, such as the stage of the cancer and the age they got the cancer.

Cancer patients could develop a resistance to treatment, but some did not. This issue was the basis of the cancer research project, according to Hatahet.

The department hoped this research would lead to the answers of why and how people form a resistance. Students and faculty were also looking for a drug that people could not form a resistance to.

"We are not sure where this research will lead us, but it is a start in the right direction," Hatahet said.

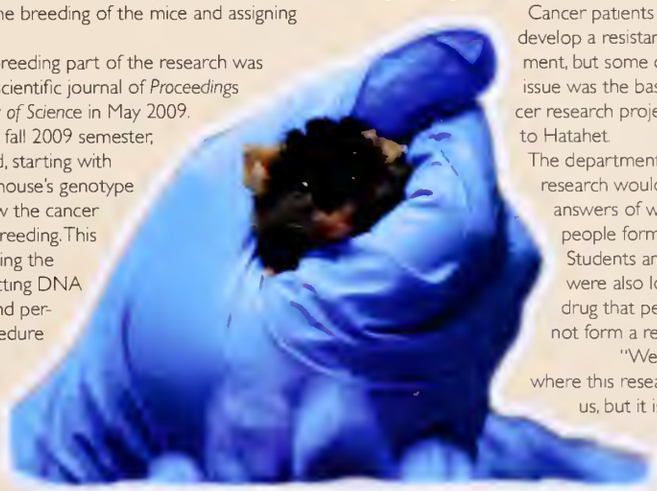




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The bust that sat in the Scholars' College foyer is that of Molière, French playwright and actor. Molière was accepted as the Scholars' College mascot and played a large role in the end of the Senior Thesis ceremony for Scholars' each year.

At the end of the year, Scholars' College held a barbecue in honor of the graduating seniors and the completion of their theses. Before the students could be announced as educated, they were required to place their hands on the bust of Molière while the acting head of the Scholars' College pronounced them "educated." Each acting head had a different "staff" to declare education, ranging from magic wands to roman swords.



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The Louisiana Scholars' College students were actively involved in a wide range of organizations.

"We've got students in [Student Activities Board], on the football team, baseball team, soccer team, tennis, track and cross country, social fraternities and sororities, even the presidents of two music organizations," Dr. Davina McClain, Scholars' College director, said. "The students here are doing an immense amount to give back to our NSU community."

Senior Shanice Major served her school community in the position of treasurer of the Student Government Association. Other Scholars' College students who served the Northwestern community were Student Body President Kayla Wingfield, senior; and Vice-President Matthew Morrison, junior (pictured above).

Junior Yaser Elqutub (pictured below) was among the Scholars' College students who participated in Demon Athletics.. He not only excelled in the classroom, but also on the football field. Football became a family game for the Elqutub and his two brothers after their move from Jordan.

"My older brother was in the seventh grade when he first tried out for football," Elqutub said. "[Neither] he nor I understood the game, but the idea of hitting others in pads sounded great."

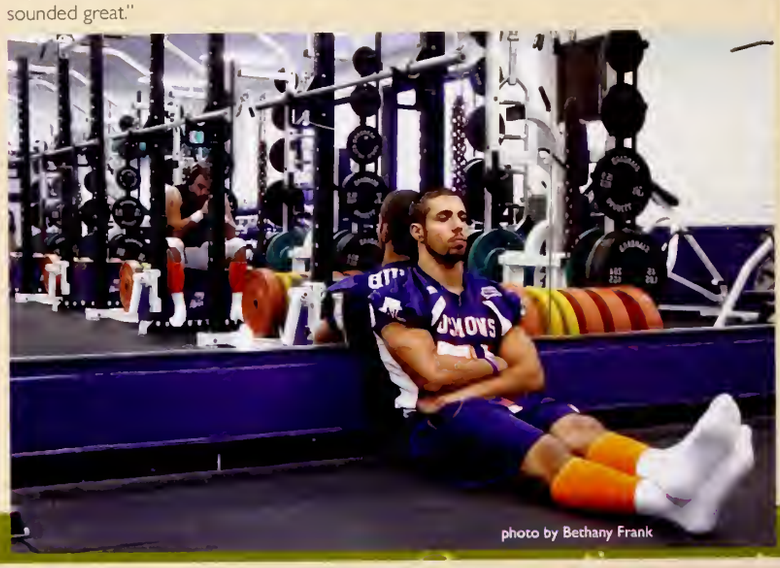


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"Olim Doctus, Semper Doctus: Once a Scholar, Always a Scholar."

Scholars' College students were encouraged to "have a heart, buy a heart and give a heart" to support the Scholars' College Forum Council's "A Heart for Chelsea" campaign.

In need of a heart transplant, Chelsea Umbach, once-and-always scholar, saw proof of this motto as her Scholars' family helped raise funds through a variety of events.

Umbach was diagnosed in 2000 with primary pulmonary arterial hypertension (PPAH), an incurable heart disease that she had since birth but became apparent in high school.

PPAH is a disorder characterized by abnormally high blood pressure in the pulmonary artery, which carries blood from the heart to the lungs. This causes resistance of blood flow and detrimental pressure in the right ventricle of the heart.

The proceeds from the pins and other events, such as food fairs and concerts, were donated to Umbach to help absorb some of the medical expenses.



photo by Kirk Martin

Home away from Home

finding family at school

A house, a dog, two kids, a mom and a dad. This was what usually came to mind when proposed the idea of a family. For Louisiana Scholars' College students, however, family took on a different meaning.

"To them, that aspect of Scholars' really matters. I mean, we're different in that we know each other. We care about each other," Dr. Davina McClain, director of Scholars' College, said. "You know, if someone's sick, somebody tells me; I find out what's going on. If somebody's upset, there are people here who care and will look out for each other. That human aspect of Scholars' is really important."

Scholars' College offered classes in a wide range of subjects, including language courses, such as Greek and German; sciences, such as biology and chemistry; and even courses in philosophy.

Students were required to take Texts and Traditions, a cycle of courses that offer a cohesive history of Western culture. Throughout the T and T classes, students bonded by forming study groups in preparation for tests.

"Scholars' attracted me because it seemed as though they held their students to a higher standard then most universities," Shanice Major, senior, said. "The curriculum was challenging but interesting, and I'm always up for a challenge.

"I will always remember the many nights of stress over a project and the overwhelming sense of accomplishment whenever it is finished," Major continued. "I have really learned to appreciate my peers and myself, and I know that no matter where I go in life, I will be able to succeed at any task given to me. That's what Scholars' has done for me."

Scholars' College was established in 1987 as the state's only designated Honors College.

"The idea was to create something different that was completely grounded in the Liberal Arts," McClain said. "I think one of the most important things for everyone to understand is that Scholars' is part of NSU."

Scholars' College seniors were required to take Senior Colloquium class. This class was designed to unite the senior class one last time to work on a service project before graduation. To pass this class, each person had to take part in a community service or service-learning project for the NSU and Natchitoches community that was based on the subject of study for that year.

"This really connects the community with the Scholars' College and lets us, as students, give back," Major said.

Scholars' College provided tutoring services in the field house for NSU's athletes. Scholars' College supported the idea that if athletes were committed to academics outside of the field, then they could focus better on the field, McClain said.

Students of Scholars' College were encouraged to donate their time and efforts to community projects that not only supported the university, but also the surrounding community.

"Scholars' encourages me to give back to the community by tutoring the [Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts] high school students with NSU tutors," freshman Carderius Johnson stated.

NSU Tutors was a program that tutored Natchitoches-area high school students to help prepare them for college. It was supported by the grant written by Scholars' College faculty member Dr. Mike Cundall.

Through all of this volunteering, Scholars' College students grew close. Working together toward common goals and offering so much time to community service, Scholars' College students developed a loving, family-like relationship with one another.

"I feel that having that family-like atmosphere with you and around you most of the time makes it worth [being here]," Johnson said. "I just look at all the great things I have around me and realize that there is something good going on at this campus, and it makes me happy to be a part of it."

Paul Randall Adams



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'Tis the Season

building a family with music, theatre, dance...and a ghost

The long hours, playful practices and close-knit cast made the Christmas Gala memorable.

The Gala had a different storyline each year. To celebrate NSU's 125th anniversary, this year's Gala was a presentation of NSU's history. When Isabella the Ghost realized the Gala would not have the usual music, dancing and theatre, she became distraught and decided to show how important those elements were to the Gala alongside her friends—the Three Muses. The Muses-music, art and theatre-represented the three statues standing in front of the A. A. Fredericks Auditorium and explained how music, art and theatre were important not only in the Christmas Gala, but also in NSU's history.

The Christmas Gala included each branch of the Creative and Performing Arts department, which made organizing the play a difficult task. Each group had individual practices for the first few weeks, Josiah Kennedy, junior theatre major, said. Then a week before the show everyone came together.

"It's fun to watch an entire show go up in one week," Kennedy said.

Although the practices were long and involved, the actors found a way to have some fun.

"During practices, we played as much as possible," Josh Coen, freshman theater major, said. "We really wanted to focus on the humor of the show, so we worked inside ourselves to create a humorous character, and then brought that to rehearsal to work with."

Through multiple practices and some good fun, the cast quickly became a close family, helping and supporting each other when needed.

"We definitely were a tight family," Coen said. "We all knew each others cues and lines, and we helped each other out whenever we could."

After the weeks of rehearsal, the cast performed seven performances within two days for elementary children, NSU students and Natchitoches residents.

The cast enjoyed performing for the kids the most.

"Hearing those kids get so excited about every little tiny thing that happens is always so adorable and heartwarming," Delia Caldwell, senior theatre major, said. "It always reminds me why I like performing so much."

When rehearsals, memorizing and the final performances were over, the cast enjoyed their success in different ways.

"Some celebrated at Christmas Festival the next day," Coen said. "Some celebrated by catching up on all the sleep hours they missed in the past week."

No matter which way each cast members celebrated at the end of the day, they all knew they had been part of something special.

"This moment to me is sort of an even though we're stressed out and we just did seven of these shows, I still love what I do and I love the people I work with," Kennedy said.

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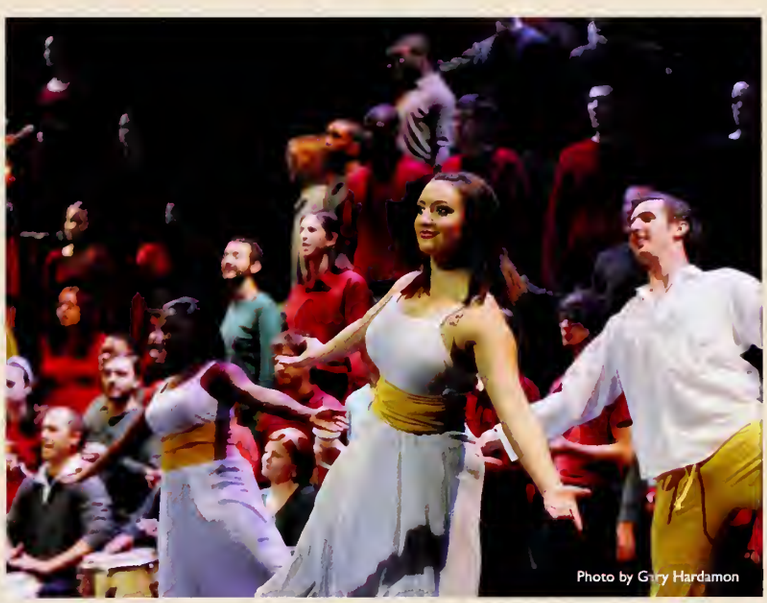

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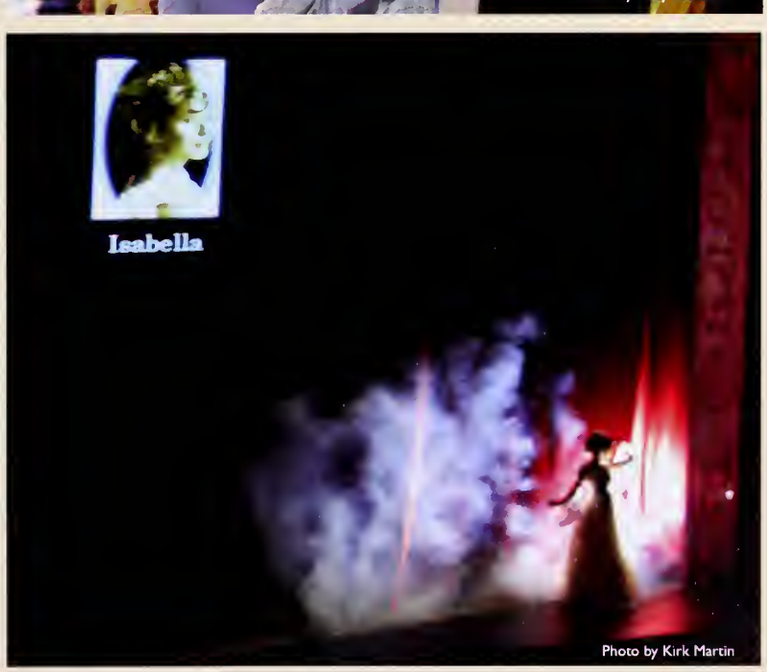

Isabella

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Iraq & Back

solider turned student, students turned soliders

Seat belt strapped, head glued to the seat, fingers gripping the armrest, he prepared himself for takeoff. The airplane glided across the runway and gradually began to pick up speed until its wheels could be tucked in its underbelly. The plane soared.

For some passengers, their lengthy flight overseas delivered them to their long-awaited luxury vacation spots or to the heart of a historic tourist city.

But for Jonathan Wallace, the destination of his first flight placed him in a different setting--the middle of a war.

Wallace, junior general studies major, described his experience in the Iraq war during his first deployment a chaotic one.

"The first four to five months were pretty gruesome," he said, "It wa like living in the wilderness."

The battalion had a low supply of water and no water heater to pro vide them with a source to stay warm when temperatures dropped a nightfall. Soldiers also had to wash their clothes by hand in a bucket an burn their own waste while stationed in Iraq.

Soldiers had to manage with what was provided for them. Al though things seemed bad the first few months he was there, Wallace sai things got better. They were later supplied with more water, ice and an ai conditioner to cope with the "sweltering" summer temperatures.

"It was really hot that summer with all of my gear on," Wallace said.

He looked forward to the desert storms because it was during tha time the sun wasn't beaming on him.

Soldiers had to put goggles on just to walk through the storms, push ing through strong gusts of wind, carrying sand high above the ground.

"Iraq appeared as if it belonged in a different time dimension tha back home," Wallace said.

It wasn't unusual to see sheepherders walking with their sheep alon the roads that often had sewage leaking down them. The country ha poor infrastructure. Several houses were built closely together and wer made of hardened mud or clay. Civilians walked around in clothes tha Americans would argue belonged "to the 80s". Most Iraqi citizens drov cars that looked beat up, Wallace said.

His experience with Iraqi citizens was a positive one, con trary to what some Americans may think.

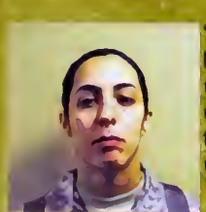
"The culture was a whole different ballgame, Wallace said.

It wasn't uncommon for a driver t stop and pick up a stranger walking onl because they were both heading i the same direction, he said.

"When you meet them, the treat you like you've known eac

Photo by Jeremy Richthofen

How do you feel about going off to war?



"I would be nervous because I haven't finished training, but other than that I am confident in the things the instructor's teach us. I feel an obligation to serve my country." -Kris Daisy MS2



"I knew when I signed up for ROTC that the possibility of being deployed was real and definite. When I signed my name on that dotted line, I was ready." -Lovell Willis MS3

"I would be anxious because I don't feel that I'm ready yet. I don't feel like I'm ready to lead troops."-Meghan Newcomb MS2



"I'd be a little excited. It would be a new life changing experience. At the same time, I would be a little worried because I would be in charge of quite a number of people." -Jeff Brunner MS2



G I Bill Perks

The GI Bill was designed to help service members and eligible veterans cover the costs associated with getting an education or training. The GI Bill has several programs and each is administrated differently depending on a person's eligibility and duty status.

- Paid tuition and fees
- Yearly stipend for books and other supplies
- Monthly stipend for housing
- License or certification
- Special allowance for individual tutoring
- Additional allowance for work-study benefits
- Benefits for high-cost approved, high-technology programs
- May be eligible remedial, defiency or refresher training

ther for years, and they just want you to treat them in the same respect," Wallace said.

There was one thing that Wallace would have never guessed he would see in his journey.

"Palm trees were scattered throughout Iraq. They were everywhere," Wallace said. "Everyone's used to seeing palm trees in a coastal region, not n Iraq. I expected a desert, not an oasis-type place."

The battalion slept in an abandoned hospital that they had to fix up efore settling. Through teamwork, the soldiers managed to clear out the ospital and make the building a decent place to lay their heads, Wallace aid.

"Shootouts" weren't something that occurred everyday, but they did ccur.

"Whenever I had to use my weapon, it would happen so fast," Wallace said. "I'm running on adrenaline and all I think is to perform. All of the actics that I've been taught before come up again."

He often thought about not being able to go home.

"You leave all you ever known behind. I was worried about going here and not coming back," Wallace said.

But after 12 months at war, a free concert was waiting for the soldiers hat included performances by well-known performers such as Jessica impson and Ludacris.

"The concert was awesome," Wallace said.

Enlisting in the Army was two of the best decisions he could have ver made, Wallace said.

"I was able to get a cultural experience. I got to see what it was like o live in Iraq from their perspective," Wallace said.

Not only did he get to travel to another part of the world as a soldier, ut also he gained priceless friendships, leadership skills and training that ill accompany him forever.

"It changed me for the better," Wallace said, " It's a good tool to have n your tool bag."

Taesha Johnson


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(Top) Cadets Bolton Curry and Brett Guse practice operating their weapons at the Natchitoches Shooting Range. Cadets visited the shooting range to perfect their marksmanship with precision and accuracy.
(Bottom) Cadet Jonathan Watson, business administration major, waits for instruction while taking a break during a field training exercise in Mississippi last April. Upperclassmen learned about things such as battle drills and survival skills during the exercise.



"I want to go. I want to fight because it is my duty." -Phillip Duffy MS3

"As far as family is concerned, it puts a tug on my heart, but as for my country I would feel proud if I was deployed." -Rochelle Jones MS1



students struggle to study successfully

If someone walked into a classroom, he would see what seemed to be the cast of Sweeney Todd. Skin pale as paper and dark circles around eyes could only signal one thing: test day.

While there were the handful of those who came bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, there were many more who had stayed up all night, trying to learn the information.

Students studied in a variety of ways, each trying to find what worked for them. While some students preferred to lie out comfortably on their bed, music playing in the background, others sat upright in a straight-backed chair in absolute silence.

"I concentrate best when there's light classical music going on," Christine Davis, sophomore music education major, said.

Davis studied hardest for classes with a lot of memorizations, she said.

"In high school, I never had to study. When I got here it was a big wake up call," Davis continued. "You just have to learn how you study best."

Many students found the transition from high school to college hard. As they noticed that they were losing the amount of free time they were used to, they began to stress.

"I used to be able to study at school in the library, and then at home I just had free time," Stephanie Colunga, sophomore criminal justice major, said.

Colunga observed that her friends were easily distracted in their studies. She found that those around her failed to prioritize.

"It's usually all about computer games or Facebook: the root of all evil," Colunga commented.

Catherine Faucheaux, coordinator of the Academic Center, agreed students found difficulties while studying.

Some students struggled with learning the information from class and then applying it to the tests in a way that the professors wanted.

"Part of it is a confidence issue, especially for freshmen. They're not quite sure how to take tests, how to study for college," Faucheaux said.

Many students also met a roadblock in studying after the announcement was made that Watson Library would no longer open on Saturdays.

"I got most of my research done on Saturdays, and I'm always busy on Sunday afternoons," Davis said. "Now it's a big hassle to be able to make it to the library during the school week."

"Sometimes, school gets in the way of studying," Davis added "I think teachers lose sight of the fact that students need to study and not just do homework. It becomes more about the grade."

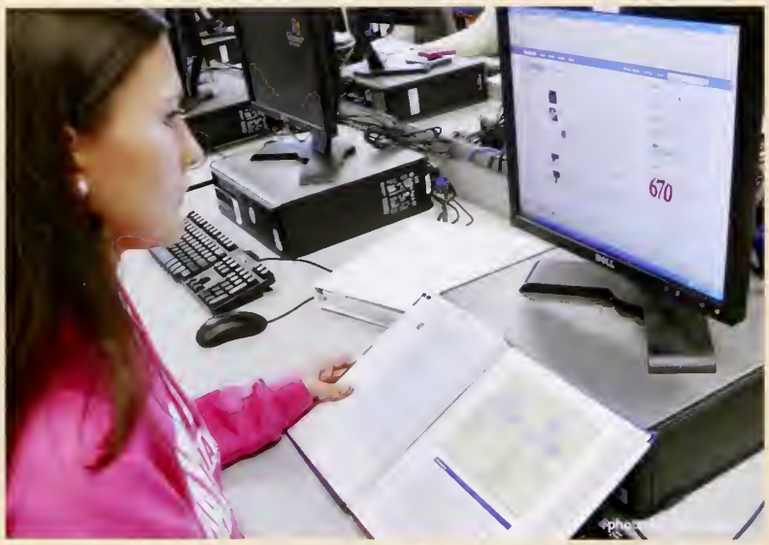




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(Top Left) Whitney Williams, sophomore computer information systems major, multi-tasks studying and Facebook. Many students found it hard to balance school and Facebook throughout the year.

(Top Right) Brette Funderburke, senior graphic design major, studies in her studio. Funderburke used her studio wall as a notebook, writing all of the important information for her history of art class on the wall to study.

(Right) Savannah Cholvitee, senior biology major works with the cryostat in the neurobiology lab. Using the cryostat, students sliced rat brains into pieces 20 micrometers thick to check the impact of dehydration on the brain.



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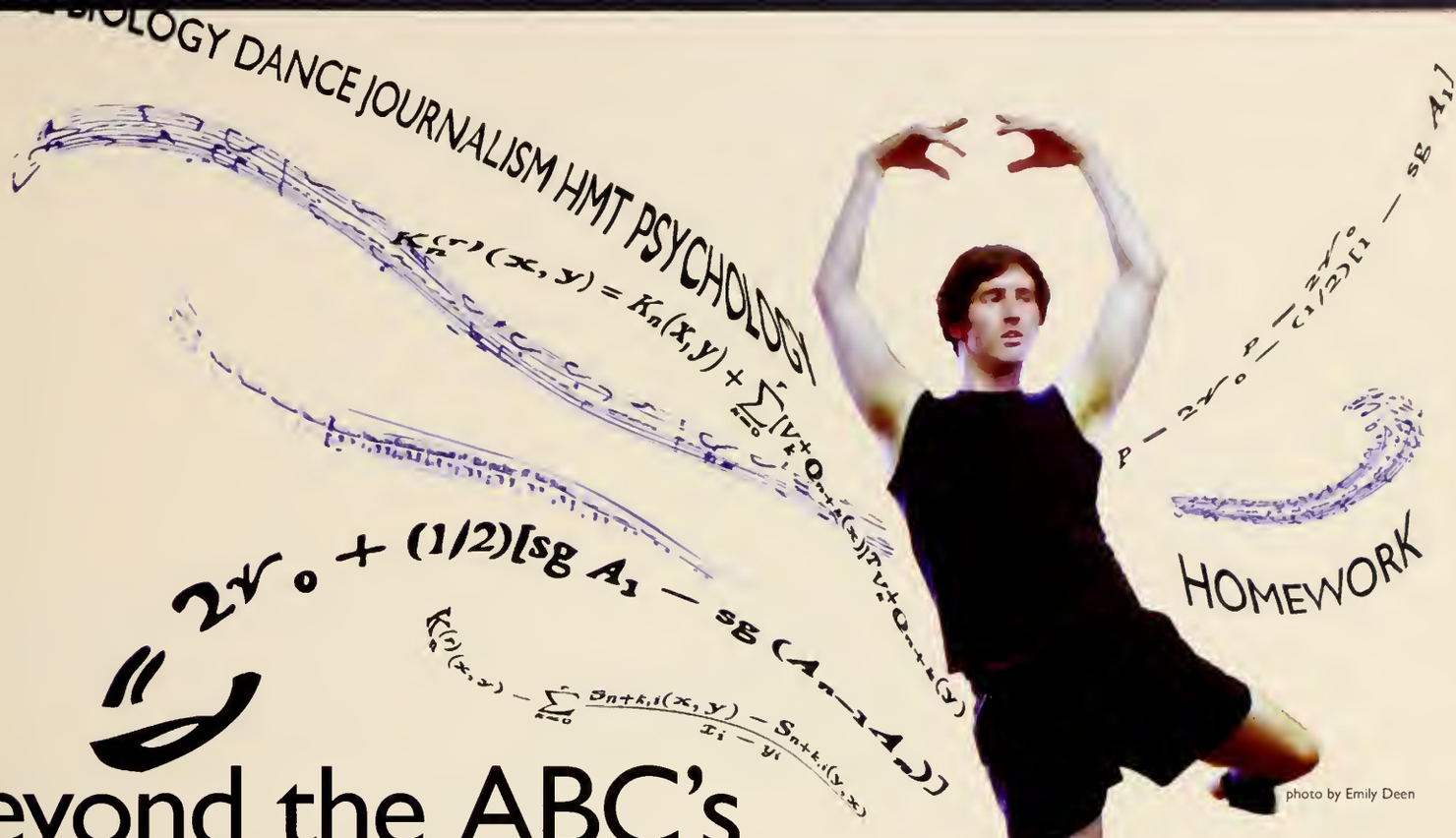


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Beyond the ABC's

staying a little off beat

One lonely dance student warming up, stretching and preparing for yet another run through of his solo. The only thing in the room: a mirrored wall and a barre.

A list of caclulations sitting in front of her, a business student sat, entering tedious information into the computer.

While some students were busy memorizing formulas and reading slave writings, others busied themselves in a variety of other ways.

Lori Engolia, sophomore computer information systems and business administration major, used computer programs and databases for most of her assignments. Most of the coursework for these classes could not be learned by reading a book, Engolia said.

"Either you know it or you don't," she said. "Things have to be applied to make sense, not just memorized."

Some of Engolia's studying included sitting down with a bank ledger and learning how to credit and debit accounts by hand. Though the work was tedious and she felt the work were dull and sometimes boring, she also felt she was being prepared for the future adequately.

Much of the curriculum kept up with the times, however. Engolia commented that much of her work was done at the computer.

"You have to learn the programs and make sure you know what you're doing," she said. "If one little period or parentheses is out of place, the program will not run. It's frustrating sometimes."

Whereas some students, like Engolia, ran computer programs, others used large, precise equipment to slice into rat brains.

Using this procedure, the neurobiology students were able to isolate a portion of the brain they needed to test, Ginny Mills, senior liberal arts major, said.

The students stained these brains with antibodies to show the receptors that were activated in the brain due to dehydration.

"It's important for us to run experiments like this. It teaches us how to run experiments that we'll need to do in the future," Mills said.

Other students found their course loads frustrating.

"It's a lot to soak in all at once," Christopher Alley, freshman music education major, said. "Some things, like aural skills, it seems like you can't study for. The only option you have is to sit in the media lab and do 'Practica Musica.'"

The other music classes required at least an hour of daily practice on Alley's part as well as memorization.

"Sometimes you just can't figure out why the things you know are important," Alley said. "Other times, though, I go 'OK, I will be using this.' It's kind of like when you were in elementary school and learning math, and suddenly you realize why you were learning it."

Though some classes required a lot of textbook work, Alley felt that many of his classes required more drilling and individual work than a textbook could offer.

"Some things you just can't learn from a book," Alley said.

Ford Haeuser, senior liberal arts and theatre major, agreed.

"Because the arts are so varied, there's no possible way to learn what we do out of a textbook," Haeuser said. "As a dancer, I take dance classes and that's part of my studying to be a dancer. Hand-in-hand with that is going to the gym. I have to keep my body prepared to be a dancer. That's studying for me, and you just can't get that out of a book."

Along with not being able to study as most would expect, many students studied in a variety of locations, as well.

For Haeuser, sitting in a classroom, or in his bedroom even, was not an option for his studies.

"It depends on what I'm studying," he said. "I like to take walks while I'm learning a monologue. I love going out and observing people. In a way, that's studying as well. I will be asked to portray different characters on stage, but if I don't know who the characters are, I feel like I can't truly represent that on stage."

Students found many ways in which they could study. Be it learning how computers worked, to learning how their own bodies moved and worked.

From slicing open rat brains to debiting and crediting bank account information by hand, there was something for everybody.

Paul Randall Adams



Chicken Coup

finances change

The state budget cuts affected students by not allowing NSU to be able to fill all of the desired employment positions, Dr. Chris Maggio, dean of students, said.

Northwestern, like other Louisiana universities, had to request hiring employees on a case-by-case basis.

Maggio was pleased, however, that NSU did not have to cut important student programs yet, and hoped to focus on having to make the least amount of cuts in that area.

"It's taught us to be more efficient with what we have," he said.

The cuts caused departments to work together to ensure efficiency and keep programs running.

Aside from the state cuts, student fees helped pay for many of the services offered by Maggio's office.

There were plans in motion to restructure student fees to cover areas hurt by a lack of funds, Maggio said. For example, an increase in online classes caused a decrease in student funds available since the same fees were not included in students considered full time with online classes than students who paid those fees with face-to-face classes.

NSU began working on the budget problems early to ensure the campus had a plan to make it through future decreases in state funds.

"[The cuts] are causing universities to become more mission specific," Maggio said.

Maggio hoped the new plans made and implemented would make NSU come out stronger than it was before.

Dr. Zafer Hatahet, professor and biological sciences department head, said the budget cuts could seriously detriment academic programs, especially ones that were hands-on like biology.

Education remained one of the unprotected areas of state budget that could be decreased.

Education is the future of the state, and a small budget along with a small economy could hurt Louisiana for years to come, Hatahet said.

"It's like we're killing the chicken to save the coup," he said.

Many of the "luxuries" had already been cut, and NSU was in the process of deciding which essentials would need to be cut next, Hatahet said.

The most difficult part of these essential cuts were layoffs. The biology department had already lost two employees by the middle of the spring semester.

President Randall Webb tried to keep layoffs out of the picture for as long as he could, but he was still able to keep important programs running for the campus

"Dr. Webb deserves a lot of credit for being able to keep scholarships

off the table," Hatahet said.

The only scholarships that were affected were those that relied on he interest earned on campus endowments. The amount of money that could be given to students began to decrease when the interest earned on those endowments also decreased.

NSU continued to struggle with making changes on campus to deal with a decrease in state funds.

"Louisiana has historically not spent much on education," Hatahet said.

Teachers began to be overloaded to try to cover all of the areas of study needed for the students, Hatahet continued. It was important for he plans made to take in mind long-term effects to hopefully avoid overoading teachers to the breaking point.

Hatahet hoped to encourage students to take action when it came o the budget cuts.

"These decisions are being made by public servants," he said. "And he money paying for our services that is being cut comes from our taxes."

It was hard to argue that education and income go hand-in-hand, he said, which was part of his hopes for students to speak up and take action after college to ensure education would continue to prosper in the future.

That way, once the coup is saved, there would hopefully still be some chickens left in it.

Andrew Bordelon



cuts continue

"It gets worse before it gets better," Abbie Landry, director of libraries, said.

Budget cuts snipped away at student facilities since last fall. Watson Library was one of those facilities that fell victim to laying off staff members, cutting service programs and cutting hours.

Watson Library had to close two hours earlier than usual due to the cutback, causing two hours lost from workers' paychecks and two hours less students could use the library's services, such as a quiet place to study and Internet access.

In addition to shorter hours, the library was not open on Saturdays anymore either.

"The bottom line is we would have to cut hours somewhere else if we didn't cut Saturdays," Landry said.

The library also had to cut the number of journals by 43 percent. It also stopped ordering new books altogether and cancelled the books that were already ordered due to funds.

But the hours and books were not their biggest problem.

"We have lost 12 staff members," Landry said. "We haven't been able to replace positions."

Losing staff put a strain on the library and its ability to service students. The library could no longer offer a reference section that was available as often as it used to be. There weren't any staff members to assist students when they needed help, Landry said.

With two budget cuts nipping away at its resources, and another on the way, the library tried to cut the things that would affect the students the least.

Certain supplies and reading materials were a few of the things that fell into that category. Landry wished to accommodate students the best she could without them feeling the full-fledged effects from the budgets cuts.

"We cut us before we cut you," Landry said.

Taesha Johnson



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Greener Thumbs

taking the test tubes outside the classroom

long with the six different concentrations a biological sciences major could choose from, students had different student activities and field experiences to enhance their education.

The biological science department partnered with Hodges Gardens State Park in Florien, La., to provide students with experience in the field of biology for the past three years.

Hodges Gardens had 700 acres of plants and flowers with a 225-acre lake that provided water to multiple waterfalls. There were walking trails, greenhouses, camp grounds and more for students and visitors to enjoy while at Hodges Gardens.

The department's two major goals for the partnership with Hodges Gardens were education and research. Dr. Jonathan Akin included Hodges Gardens for his biology on fish and herpetology classes.

Research began in the fall at the gardens to classify and determine tree characteristics, Dr. Zafer Hatahet, biology professor, said. By extracting DNA from certain trees and performing experiments and tests, students could clarify what species of trees are in the Gardens.

Dillon Green, senior biology major, was a student working on the tree research. In the fall, Green, professors and other students spent time working on the equipment needed for the research to continue. The sample extracting planned to begin the first week of the spring semester.

Green and the other researchers planned to send the information they found to the Smithsonian Institution and to other researchers working on a similar project.

"Teamwork is essential here because there are hundreds of thousands of species of plants to barcode," Green said.

The Smithsonian and NSU research planned to help future scientists identify not only the kind of tree but the species level of the tree. Scientists would be able to send samples of an unknown plant's DNA to the Smithsonian to find any matches.

This information and research helped the gardens because staff would know if the trees were native of Louisiana, and how many different species were in the gardens, said Hatahet.

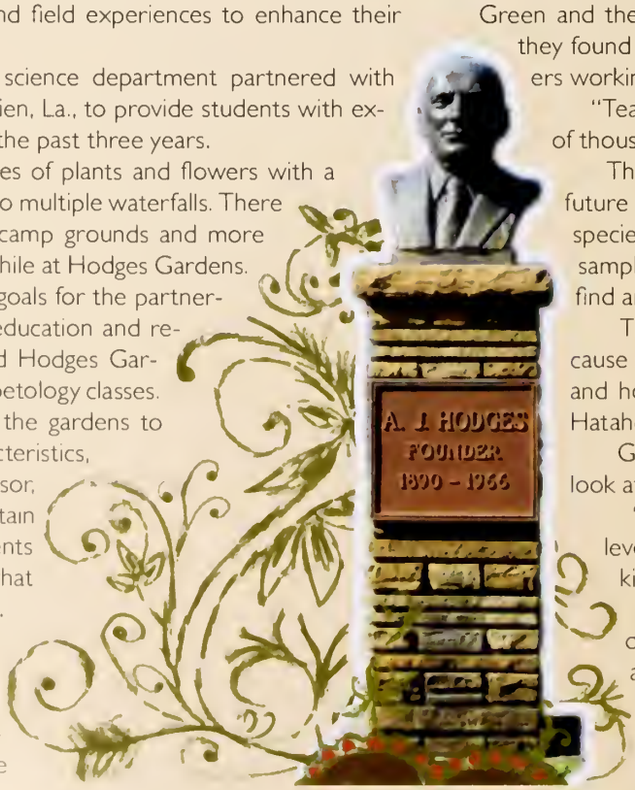
Green and the other student researchers took a special look at an old chestnut tree on the gardens' grounds.

"The goal with this tree is to identify it at the species level," Green said. "We know it's a chestnut, but what kind?"

Through research and field experience, the biology department could know and understand the Gardens as well as the staff.

"We want to be the regional state representative at Hodges Gardens," Hatahet said.

Taylor Graves



Top Left) A petrified log sits next to the man-made ke where it was found. **(Top Right)** Various trees cover odges Gardens' grounds for visitors to enjoy. **(Middle)** he Gardens are knew for its rose gardens, which were built add a terraced effect. **(Bottom Left)** Walkways allow sitors to get an up-close and personal look at the trees d plants in Hodges Gardens. **(Bottom Right)** Multiple ecies of roses grow at Hodges Gardens.

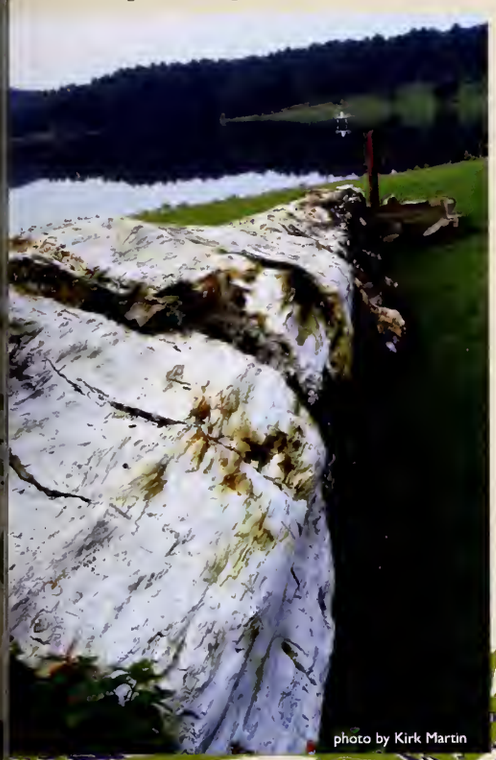

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(Above) Ayanna Hayward prepares her students for class by writing their assignments for the day on the board. Hayward spent her planning periods preparing for lectures and presentations.

Different

extending

The changes in technology on campus gave students an opportunity that students attending college 10 years ago didn't have; the opportunity to attend classes from their breakfast table.

Northwestern became more flexible by increasing the amount of degree programs available online.

"We've had students graduate from here that had all of their courses online," Jarrod Sanson, PASS-port coordinator and trainer, said.

Ayanna Hayward, part-time graduate student, knew that scheduling all of her classes online would be a great convenience to her busy lifestyle.

"I wear many hats," Hayward said. "I am a working mother and wife. I take online courses because of the benefit of not having to go to class. Online classes are very efficient for me since going to class is time consuming."

Monday through Friday Hayward is in Natchitoches Central High School's business department teaching her multimedia production class. Hayward learned she had to use time management effectively in order to balance her job, her education, and the duties of being a wife and mother.

Depending on the class, Hayward spent three hours to five hours alone on homework for her online courses. She found the time for her studies after she put her students to work on assignments for the class.

Would you take an Internet course?



"I wouldn't take one because I would rather have a teacher I can sit and listen to than just looking at a computer screen."-Nathaniel Hagan, sophomore history major



"The reason why I would take an online course is because of its simplicity. Simply for simplicity's sake."-William Treuou, sophomore English major



"I would totally take an online course for the sole reason that it opens up my time during the day for track practice and work."-Edward Smith, junior psychology major



"I wouldn't like to take an online class because it seems to easy to get into the habit of skipping class."- Austin Burns, junior CIS major



"I wouldn't take an online class because I wouldn't get attention from a teacher like I would if I were [in] class."-Amy Guidry, freshman chemistry major

Classroom

experiences

While her students were working quietly, she graded PowerPoint presentations and other assignments for class then she tried to put a dent in her own homework.

Although Hayward believed taking online courses offered a lot of pros, she said there were also the cons to consider.

"There are benefits to having online courses, but there are disadvantages, too," Hayward said. "If you use Blackboard to reach professors, they will get back to you, but it could be 24 hours later. In the classroom, feedback is immediate."

Even students who only had one online class enjoyed the benefit of not having to physically sit in a classroom for that one class.

Northwestern became accommodating for students by increasing the amount of degree programs available online. According to the NSU website, more than 20 accredited online degree programs were available.

"There are a lot of reasons why so many courses are going online," Darlene Williams, VP of Technology, Research and Economic Systems, said.

Taesha Johnson



(Above) Erica Vincent,junior psychology major, checks Blackboard for updates for her online physiological psychology class.



"I wouldn't take an online class because I wouldn't get instant feed back from the teacher."-Ashley Sylve, freshman business administration major



"I wouldn't take an online because I procrastinate way too much and I will get distracted by facebook."-Lashae Charleville, sophomore health and exercise major



"I would take lower level classes online because it opens my schedule for more important major classes in which lecture is more useful to me. However, I do procrastinate."-Brandon Bolton, biology major

Online Degrees

Associate Degrees
Business Administration
Criminal Justice
General Studies

Bachelor Degrees
Business Administration
General Studies
Journalism
Liberal Arts
Psychology

Master Degrees
Adult Education
Art
English
Professional Studies
Education of Curriculum and Instruction
Education in Early Childhood Education
Education in Educational Technology Leadership
Education in Special Education
Health & Human Performance
Radiologic Sciences

Specialist Degree
Educational Leadership and Instruction



A New Form

Two world wars, desegregation and a changing economy af fected the educational environment. As the country grew communication techniques evolved, and the emergence o social networking changed educational relationships.

"I've found [social networking] has been very helpful i both students contacting me and in me contacting students," Dr. Malen McLaren, assistant professor of creative and performing arts, said.

The networks varied as greatly as the faculty and students, with al most everyone finding something to suit both their personal and aca demic needs.

"After I learned how Facebook was used, I thought how I could use i in the classroom," Lori LeBlanc, English instructor, said.

LeBlanc found a way to academically use the social network the stu dents were actively engaged in. She posted links, notes and exercises re lating to class discussions for her students to look at inside and outside o the classroom.

"I look at it as a learning network," LeBlanc said.

Facebook was not the only social networking Web site available, bu teachers realized students' constantly used Facebook verses that of Black board or student email.

"I know that they will receive the information or message I send if send it to them using Facebook," McLaren said.

In addition to sharing information via Facebook, the campus use Twitter's 140-character microblogging capabilities usefully to communi cate with students and the surrounding Natchitoches community.

"In addition to e-mail alerts, RSS feeds and the like, it gives us ye another way to keep information about NSU athletics top of mind amon supporters and potential supporters," Dr. William Broussard, assistan athletic director, said.

The athletic department used Twitter as a constant updating net work, "tweeting" information on events, student athletes and upcomin games.

Other users included President Randall Webb, Vic's Dinning Hall an the campus. Each posted things related to students ranging from Home coming plans, ideas to improve campus dinning to general campus pres releases.

KNWD, the campus radio station, started using Twitter to get infor mation to the public faster. It tweeted about upcoming guests, shows an campus events. KNWD found Twitter and other networking sites helpfu in reaching students.

"We are trying to provide information and connections to North

Facebook

a social networking website operated and privately owned by Facebook, Inc. Users can add friends and send messages, and update personal profiles. Additionally, users join networks organized by city, workplace, and school or college.

Flickr

an image and video hosting Web site, web services suite, and online community. In addition to being a popular website for users to share and embed personal photographs, bloggers use the service to host images they embed in blogs and social media.

FriendFeed

a real-time feed aggregate that consolidates the updates from social media and social networking Web Sites, social bookmarking Web sites, blogs and micro-blogging updates, as well as any other type of RSS/ Atom feed.

Google

an American public corporation specializing in Internet search. It also generates profits from advertising bought on its similarly free-to-user e-mail, online mapping, office productivity, social networking and video-sharing services.

iTunes

a proprietary digital media player application, used for playing and organizing digital music and video files. The program is also an interface to manage the contents on Apple's popular iPod digital media players as well as the iPhone and iPad.

LinkedIn

a business-oriented social networking site mainly used for professional networking. It allows registered users to maintain a list of contact details of people they know and trust in business. The people in the list are called Connections. Users can invite anyone, whether a site user or not, to become a connection.


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of Teaching

lassroom communication changes

estern," General Manager Cody Bourque, senior journalism major, said.

But social media became more than simply an additional means of ommunication. It also provided an outlet for instructors to reinforce the oncepts inside the classroom.

YouTube became a common tool among the music department. Di- ectors and private instructors would send students to specific YouTube deos to get a better feel of the music and understand how each part ayed into the general feel of the piece.

Dr. Rae Osborn, biology professor, also found YouTube useful in her assroom. She showed clips that explained complex topics to her stu- ents during class. The clips ranged from the simplest biological concepts Darwin's theory.

Instructors also took the time to explain and instruct how to use cial media for research, collaboration and spotlight.

As part of the heritage resources curriculum, students completed a rofessional portfolio before graduating. The department taught students ow to make their portfolios more accessible to potential employers.

"Some students develop an online portfolio so they can upload their deos, podcasts and more," Dr. Elizabeth Guin, associate professor of eritage resources, said. "We all know potential employers use Google to nd out about folks, so we are teaching our students to be proactive and eate an online presence that is beneficial to them."

Guin also used FriendFeed for some of her classes to show how social edia could be used to find resources.

"This helps the students learn how to use the Web to conduct re- earch in an appropriate and critical manner," Guin said. "Students use the omment feature to critically evaluate or discuss sources they have found nline."

Despite its growing popularity, not everyone found social networking be a useful tool for communicating with students.

"No matter what the medium, it is the student who decides when nd if she or he will communicate with you," Dr. Christopher Gilliam, as- stant professor of creative and performing arts, said.

Gilliam tried using networking sites for his classes, but stopped when ey weren't making a difference in communication.

"Now I use Blackboard exclusively so that I know I'm using the sanc- oned school software and their official-given e-mail address," Gilliam said.

Teachers who used social networking sites agreed they didn't take the ace of Blackboard or student e-mail.

Taylor Graves

MySpace

became the most popular social networking site in the United States in June 2006. It enables users to post bulletins, share photos, join groups post comments, send messages and participate in applications such as MySpace Karaoke and MySpace News.

Skype

a software application allowing users to make free voice calls over the Internet, calls to other users of the service and, in some countries, to free-of-charge numbers. Additional features include instant messaging, file transfer and video conferencing.

Twitter

a free social networking and microblogging service that enables its users to send and read messages known as tweets. Tweets are text-based posts of up to 140 characters displayed on the author's profile page and delivered to the author's subscribers who are known as followers.

Wikipedia

a free, web-based, collaborative, multilingual encyclopedia project supported by the non-profit Wikimedia Foundation. Collaborators worldwide contributed and wrote Wikipedia's 14 million articles (3.2 million in English), and almost all of the articles can be edited by anyone with access to the site.

WordPress

an open source blog publishing application, which can also be used for basic content management. Its many features include a user-friendly workflow, a rich plug-in architecture, and an advanced templating system. Used at almost 2 percent of the 10,000 biggest websites, Wordpress is the most popular blog software in use.

YouTube

a video sharing Web site where users can upload and share videos. Individuals have uploaded most of the content on YouTube, although media corporations including CBS, the BBC, UMG and other organizations offer some of their material via the site, as part of the YouTube partnership program.



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Click

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The use of the Personal Response System, better known a "clickers," became a common teaching tool in classes.

Each device had a unique username to identify each stu dent to help will attendance and classroom participation.

The instructors were able to monitor classroom pa ticipation with the clickers and better understand what concepts the stu dents didn't understand.

This helped teachers move on with easier topics and spend mor time on the harder topics for students.

At first, the clickers were mainly used for the large freshman an sophomore math and science classes, but professors in other subjects an higher levels started to move toward using the clicker system.

"As professors realize the impact clickers can have and see the valu firsthand, more and more will gravitate to using them in their classes Mark Thompson, math professor, said.

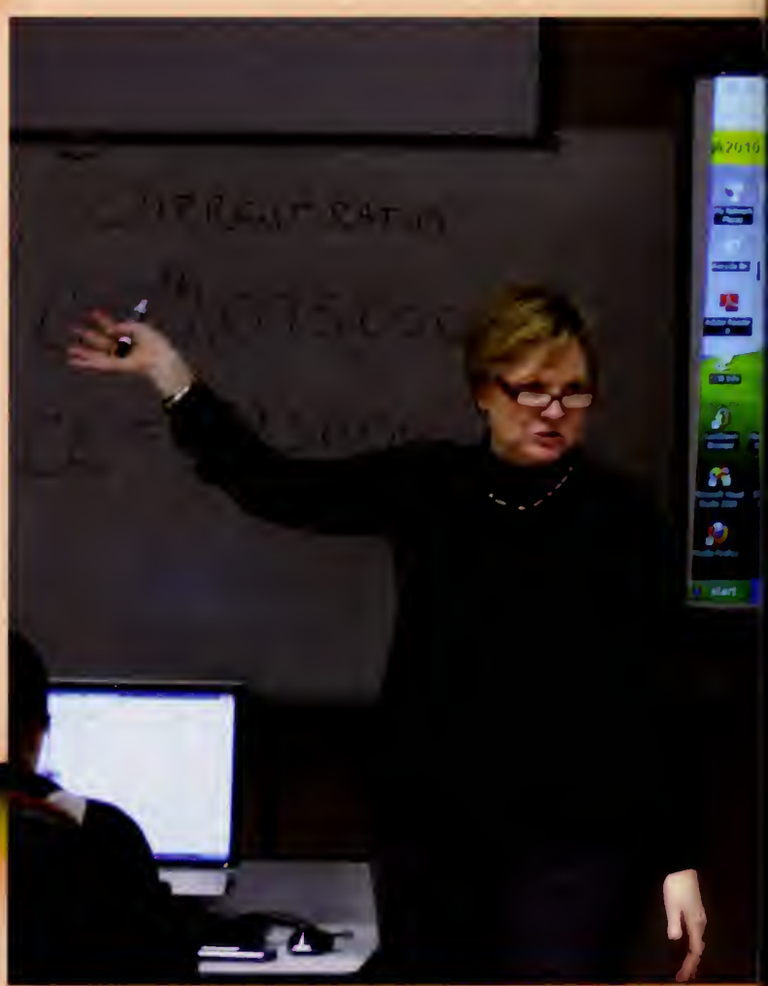
The clicker helped Kali Davenport, sophomore music education ma jor, pay more attention in class. She said she had bad habits of texting an not fully listening in class.

Although the clickers were suppose to help teachers and students i the classroom, not all students found the clickers helpful during class tim

Bee Guzzardi, sophomore biology major, said her biology teache didn't know how to work the system, so students didn't really use them

Overall, students seemed to agree with the effectiveness of the click ers.

"It helps most people stay focused on what they are doing and actu ally shows the teacher what people are understanding," Tyler Mitche



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phomore business administration major, said.

Although students disagreed on the helpfulness of the clicker, there emed to be an agreement on the problem of a new cost added to the eady expensive textbook and college tuition fees.

The clickers ranged from $50 to $55 at the three bookstores around mpus.

"I'd have to say it hurt me financially," Davenport said. "I'm taking t loans as it is, and an extra 50 bucks thrown out there is an extra 50 cks."

Davenport said she would have spent the extra money on food or s. Other students said they would have used it to cover other college penses.

"I had to choose between buying books or the clicker," Guzzardi said. o, I would have bought my books for class instead."

Although the clicker did not cost as much as a textbook, students y not have been able to sell the clickers back when they are finished th them.

Management from the three NSU bookstores were all unsure if the vice could be reused, but if it could be, all the bookstores agreed the cker would be treated like a textbook when being resold.

Even if the device could be reused, students may think before reselling eir clickers, because the clicker could be used in multiple courses over ltiple semesters.

The technology was new to faculty and students, but it looked like the ckers would be around for the foreseeable future.

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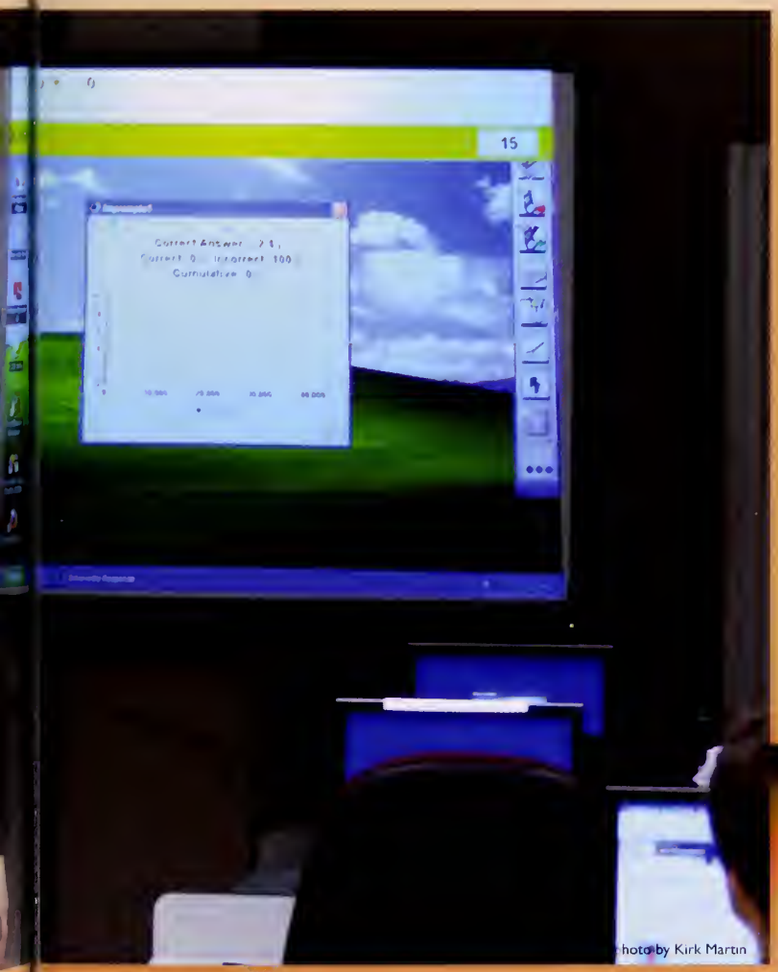


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(Top Left) [illegible] and faculty attended the [illegible] **(Top Right)** [illegible] partnered with NSU News [illegible] **(Middle Left)** Ron [illegible] moderated the forum.

Panelists included: Kristi Simms, LPS Counseling Therapist (pictured middle center); Eddie Higginbotham, SAB president (pictured middle right); Dr. William Broussard, assistant professor of journalism and public relations (pictured above left); Kayla Wingfield, SGA president (pictured above center); and Dr. William Housel, coordinator of social sciences (pictured above right)



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Diversity at NSU

learning about each other

"To bring to life the issues about diversity and the importance of having that knowledge incorporated to our everyday life," was the purpose of National Advancement Association for Colored People's second annual diversity forum, "Deeper than Black and White," NAACP President Ronnie Washington said.

Around 110 students attended the one-hour event in November. The attendees had the opportunity to ask the five panelists questions regarding diversity issues.

The topics included were not limited to discussions about race alone, but also covered diversity issues such as economics, religion, politics, gender and sexual preference.

"The focus was really to not make it a 'black and white' issue and dig deeper in what we define as 'diversity'," panelist Eddie Higginbotham, senior health and exercise science major, said.

"We are in a day in age where diversity is here and present whether we like it or not," he continued. "I think that you can just tell by the demographic of our school that we are a more diverse university that many schools, and I've seen a change even in the four years that I have been here. With diversity, comes the need for people to be able to embrace each other and learn how to mix as students, leaders, co-workers, etc. in order for our different organizations and programs to be dynamic, effective and cater to our students needs."

The overall atmosphere was entertaining. Student and faculty alike shared their enthusiasm to discuss the issues concerning race, creed, and gender.

"I just had a lot of fun," panelist Dr. William Housel, associate professor of sociology, said.

Not only did he enjoy the conversations, but he also noticed a similar experience among the crowd. The participants' answers and the questions were all good, too, Housel said.

Panelist Dr. William Broussard, assistant professor of journalism, recognized the same sort of crowd involvement.

"[I got] the sense that people are interested in the topic, and that they are searching for ways to be conversant on such a controversial issue," he said.

To bring the subject "to the masses," NAACP partnered with NSU News, the campus' news channel, to broadcast the forum. It played three times a day for about a month on channel 22.

"This year was the improvement year," Washington said. "Last year, one thing we failed to do was get it to the masses. Once it was over, it was over, but this year it was on the TV."

Providing the concept of what diversity entails was an important component of the forum.

"Once we go out in the world, whether it be corporate America or what not, we're going to be faced with different issues," Washington said. "We're going to be working in different cultures."

And it was these different cultures and the differences beyond black and white that the forum stressed.

"The definition of diversity that I subscribe to is that of cosmopolitanism, or a kind of world citizenship, where a person possesses values, but is open to learning about others, and more importantly, observant of the importance of different values to different people," Broussard said.

His willingness to participate in the forum showed an open mind when learning about others, but his reasoning to participate was short and simple.

"Faculty and staff need to show their willingness to engage with and interact with students about such topics," Broussard said.

Another panelist gave his reasons for including discussions of diversity inside the classroom and within the collegiate education.

"You are going to encounter other people when you get out of the university. You should know about them," Housel said.

Washington's comments regarding future forums were simple: "Be on the look out for part three."

Tom Lawler

Different Paths Converge

graduate studies at nsu

What happened after walking the stage? What was left when the camera flashes stopped, when the graduation cap was removed, when the page turned to the next chapter of life?

Some students applied their degrees to the work force, landing their "dream job." Others, however, took a slightly different path. Some students chose to continue their education and enroll in graduate school.

Their journeys were different. The paths they took were diverse. But there was something about Northwestern that united them all.

Northwestern offered degree programs in many subject areas including English, music education and health and human performance, enticing students of all backgrounds and experiences.

Some came for assistantships. Some came to gain experience before entering the workforce. Others came completely by accident.

Paul Randall Adams



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Assistantships enabled many students to pursue a graduate degree.

"The opportunity to earn money through a graduate assistantship while pursuing my degree is what attracted me to my current program," David Kees, health and human performance graduate student, said.

Kees hoped to work for a professional baseball team after completing his studies. He felt that a graduate degree would help him be more competitive in the work field.

"I have always felt that actual work experience is far more valuable than theory-based education," Kees said. "I believe that a master's degree will, however, afford me a better opportunity to earn employment over someone who does not have a secondary degree."

Whereas many students struggle through their graduate studies, Kees said that they were not overwhelming.

Graduate school presented Kees opportunities that weren't available at the undergraduate level.

"The opportunity to teach undergraduate classes was certainly an enjoyable difference that graduate school presented," he said.

Kees felt students who maintain within the boundaries of their comfort zone are sabotaging their chances for success in the future.

"My advice to someone searching for grad schools is to pursue a school or degree that is both practical to your future goals but at the same time is as far away as possible from what you are comfortable with," Kees said. "This ensures that you will be better prepared for your chosen life path while giving you the opportunity to experience things you might not have by going with a safer choice."

The music department brought students to Northwestern from all over the world, providing the ideal educational experience.

"It was the only place that resulted in an opportunity that was available and affordable for me," Rachel Brannan said.

Brannan noticed differences between her undergraduate and graduate experiences.

"Graduate school seems more isolated from the activities and student body that were present in my undergraduate schooling," Brannan said. "Since I commute to school and since most everything I do is involved in music, I do not rub shoulders with many students outside of the music realm."

Studying with the professors prepared Brannan for her future in music education.

"All of my music classes, flute lessons and band participation can help me make progress in learning more in my field of study," Brannan said.

Brannan took a year-and-a-half break between graduating and starting graduate school. She said the break helped prepare her for graduate school.
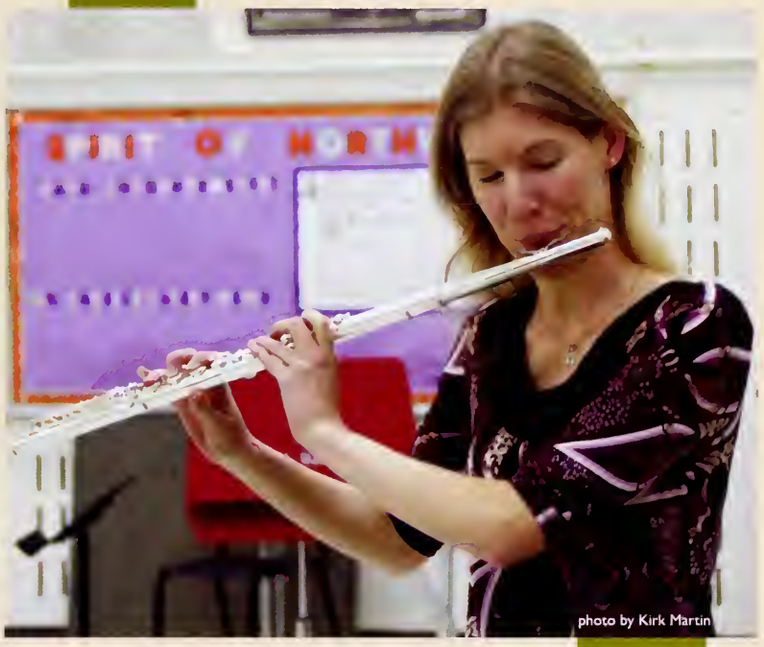
"This break was good for me because it gave me some hands-on opportunities that I otherwise probably would not have had the time for if I had gone straight into graduate school," Brannan said.

Brannan's experience coming to Northwestern was different than most students'.

"I received my [Bachelor of Arts] in Music from Belhaven College in Jackson, Miss." Brannan said. "Coming here to NSU was quite a change."

Brannan moved around in her lifetime. She has lived in Maryland, Florida and Mississippi, but has found a home at Northwestern.

"I love Natchitoches and the opportunity that I have had to meet new people and make some new friends," Brannan said.


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Graduate school seemed more of an accident than a calling for Randall Frederick, English literature graduate student.

"Originally, I intended to take only a poetry class but [Dr. Lisa Abney, University Provost] convinced me to take a full term," Frederick said. "Two years later, I'm finishing my thesis on the role of nature in myth and religion."

Frederick's greatest challenges in the program didn't come from academics nor the school, but arose in his personal life.

"The difference between the [undergraduate and graduate] programs is not especially stark, but the intensity and demands of personal life have been some of the greatest challenges I have faced," he said.

Frederick contributed much of his success in graduate school to the faculty. Without them, he feared he would have quit the program early in the process.

School was about more than just opening text books and learning facts. Frederick found that the things he learned throughout his process were applicable not only in the academic setting, but also in everyday situations.

"I feel the program has helped me develop a more developed thought process and ability to critically analyze what our society takes for granted," Frederick said.

Northwestern provided Frederick with the proper preparation for what he desired to do after graduate school, he said.

"If I could offer any advice to someone seeking further education, it would be to prepare themselves."


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Making a Mark

Raymond Strother was awarded an honorary doctorate of humane letters to political strategist during Fall Commencement Exercises.

Strother attended NSU on a track scholarship and lettered two years. He transferred to LSU where he became advertising director and then editor of the Daily Reveille. While attending LSU he was the night reporter and photographer for the Associated Press.

His master's thesis, written in 1965 (The Political Candidate and the Advertising Organization), predicted that media and not organization would dominate future political campaigns. He was correct until Barack Obama's 2008 presidential campaign.

Strother has been the media producer and consultant for dozens of U. S. Senators and scores of House members. He worked on the presidential campaigns of both Gary Hart and Al Gore. Strother has produced media for 16 gubernatorial campaigns including four for Bill Clinton. He worked in the Vice Presidential and Senate campaigns for Sen. Lloyd Bentsen.

He won awards for long form documentaries for civil rights heroes, John Lewis and Bentsen.

Strother is in the Long Purple Line and the LSU Journalism Hall of Fame. He served as both president and chairman of the board of the American Association of Political Consultants, and in 1999 was a resident fellow at the Institute of Politics at Harvard University. In 2004, he was named the first honorary Fellow at the University of Akron. In November 2007, an exhibit depicting his life was dedicated in the Hall of Notable People in the Gulf Coast Museum. In 2008, he was inducted into the American Association of Political Consultants Hall of Fame. That year he was a Fellow at the Dole Institute of Politics at the University of Kansas. He held the Erbon W. and Marie Wise Endowed Chair in Journalism at Northwestern in 2007-08 and 2008-09

While the Endowed Chair, Wise taught a journalism course each semester. And to which he learned a valid lesson and shared is as the commencement speaker during the graduation ceremonies.


photo by Gary Hardamon

"I like students," he said. And I have been involved in classrooms at LSU, NSU, Harvard, George Washington, Akron, the University of Kansas and others. I say this only to explain a revelation I had one day when I was harassing my 13 students about pronouns and concise writing. I suddenly realized that any of these 13 could have made it at any of those other universities. But they did not know it.

"They didn't know it because we are constantly told there are better schools and smarter people, and we can't compete.

"People put us in little boxes and try to contain us by stereotypes.

White people are smarter than black people. Women can't do math. Jews are greedy. Hispanics are lazy. And people who have a Southern accent or go to Northwestern aren't as smart as other people at Harvard or Georgetown. That's nonsense.

NSU News Bureau



Hats

facing the

At the end of each semester, music played. Speakers spoke. Family and friends searched for the best seats to watch their loved ones walk across the coveted stage, all of which was done in celebration. Celebration of the hard work, long hours and dedication each graduate put toward his or her diploma.

"Suffice to say that I was excited, relieved and nervous, but most of all I was proud," Joe Evans, summer heritage resources graduate, said.

Evans experienced the feelings of accomplishment as he sat with his fellow graduates and waited for President Randall Webb to award them their diplomas during the commencement ceremony.

Each graduate experienced the same rituals and traditions during commencement, but often what they took away was as different as their paths toward graduation.

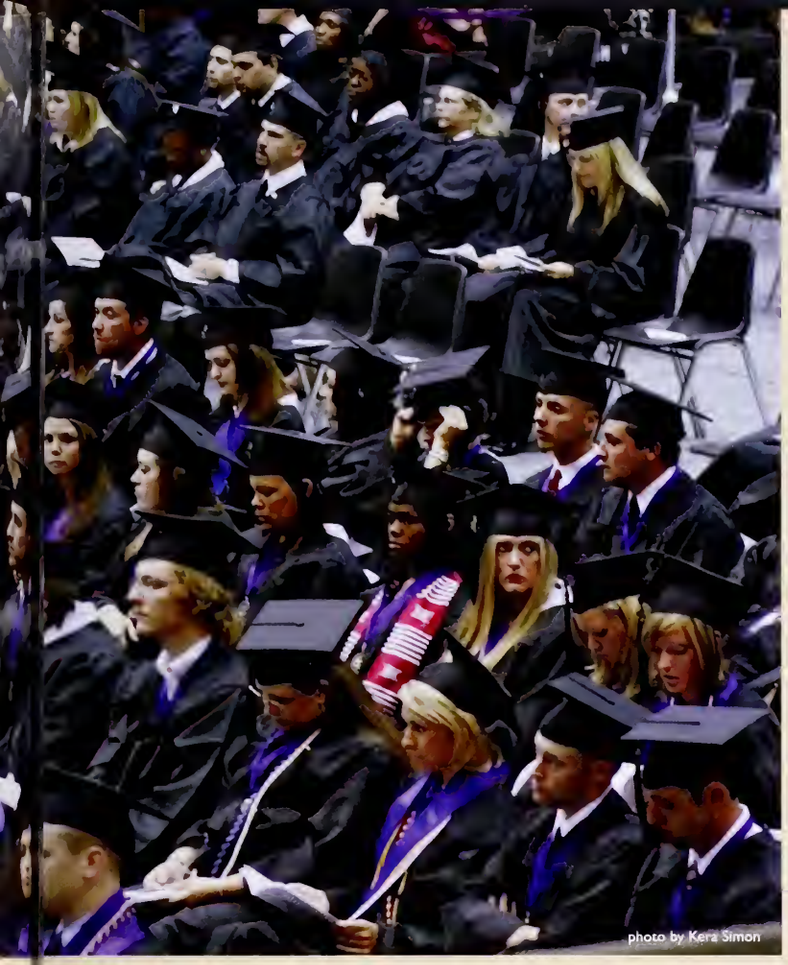
This year, one graduate continued his tradition of leaving his mark on students.

Raymond Strother, the Wise Endowed Chair of Journalism, received an honorary doctorate degree during the fall ceremonies. He joined the graduates in walking across the stage, and as the keynote speaker, left each student with a few words of advice. He spoke of the future and possibilities the young graduates had ahead.

"Mr. Strother has taught at many prestigious universities and states that students and the knowledge gained in those institutions are no better than what he has seen coming out of NSU," Evans said.

Strother's speech impacted the way some graduates looked toward their future.

"I believe Mr. Strother's intent was to show that it's not what you sound like or where you're from that determines your intelligence, the validity of a degree or self-worth, but the degree of which a person is satisfied with themselves and their accomplishments," Evans said. "You are


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the future

who you are, and there's no changing that."

Regardless of who spoke or what was said, there was one part of raduation each graduate enjoyed the most.

"My favorite part was the end," Madeline Morrow, spring music grad- ate, said. "I was glad to be done with my undergraduate work, and it was xciting to get to hold the actual degree."

By earning a diploma, each graduate took his or her graduation with hem each and every day.

Some went on to work and gain experience. Others continued in chool to further their knowledge and education. But others were not ble to achieve their after-graduation goals.

"At the time that I graduated, I wasn't planning to take a year off, but graduate assistantship I was hoping to receive didn't come through," Morrow said. "It ended up not being financially smart to go right into grad chool. As difficult as it was to make the decision to take time off, I'm retty happy with the way things have turned out."

Evans returned to NSU to earn a master's in heritage resources. He ad big plans, and decided graduate school was the best place to help ake his plans become reality.

"I know that the MAHR program here at NSU will help me greatly long my path," Evans said. "And I am very thankful for the faculty and staff f the program and to the help that they've given me."

Despite all the all-nighters, cups of coffee and time spent in front of ooks, in the end, the diploma and future ahead was worth all the work, e said.

"All in all and regardless of the roads that I had to travel, I was a gradu- te in a degree that I wanted for all the reasons that I wanted it for," Evans aid. "I had an unstoppable future ahead of me."

Taylor Graves

Fast Tracked

Michael Silver, spring business administration graduate, achieved a goal not many undergraduates achieve: he graduated with a bachelor's degree in two years.

Why did you decide to graduate in two years?
I did not really decide or intend to graduate in a shorter amount of time, but when I saw that it was possible, I did not see any reason not to do it.

What did you do to achieve this goal?
I took between 19-24 hours each normal semester and 10-12 in summer sessions.

Did you decline invitations to parties, social gatherings, or anything to study or work on schoolwork?
I did not really decline invitations, but rather planned my time wisely. I am involved in several other work activities & referee soccer all the time. Other than those events, I just had time on my hands.

Were you involved in any organizations?
I was a photographer for *The Current Sauce* and yearbook my first year, and served as Photo Editor of *The Current Sauce* spring semester of my first year. I was the Business Manager of *The Current Sauce* for the fall and spring of my second year. I was a member of Beta Gamma Sigma and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Societies.

Off of campus, I served as Secretary of Cenla Soccer Referees Association, and officiated soccer at Recreational, Division I, Premier, High School and Collegiate levels. I also worked at a clothing store.

How did you balance your school load with a social life?
In general, I would try to get as far ahead as possible. I would work on projects well in advance and plan it out. I would do mass projects on Sundays to get ahead.

Do you feel like you were able to experience the "college life"?
For what I call "college life," I was able to experience it. Others may not have considered it such. I must stay busy to be happy. I am not big on idle time.

What were your feelings on graduation day?
I think I felt fine. I was excited, but not really relieved or nervous. It was like another day except I now had a college degree.

How did you celebrate your graduation?
I went to dinner with my family in Alexandria.

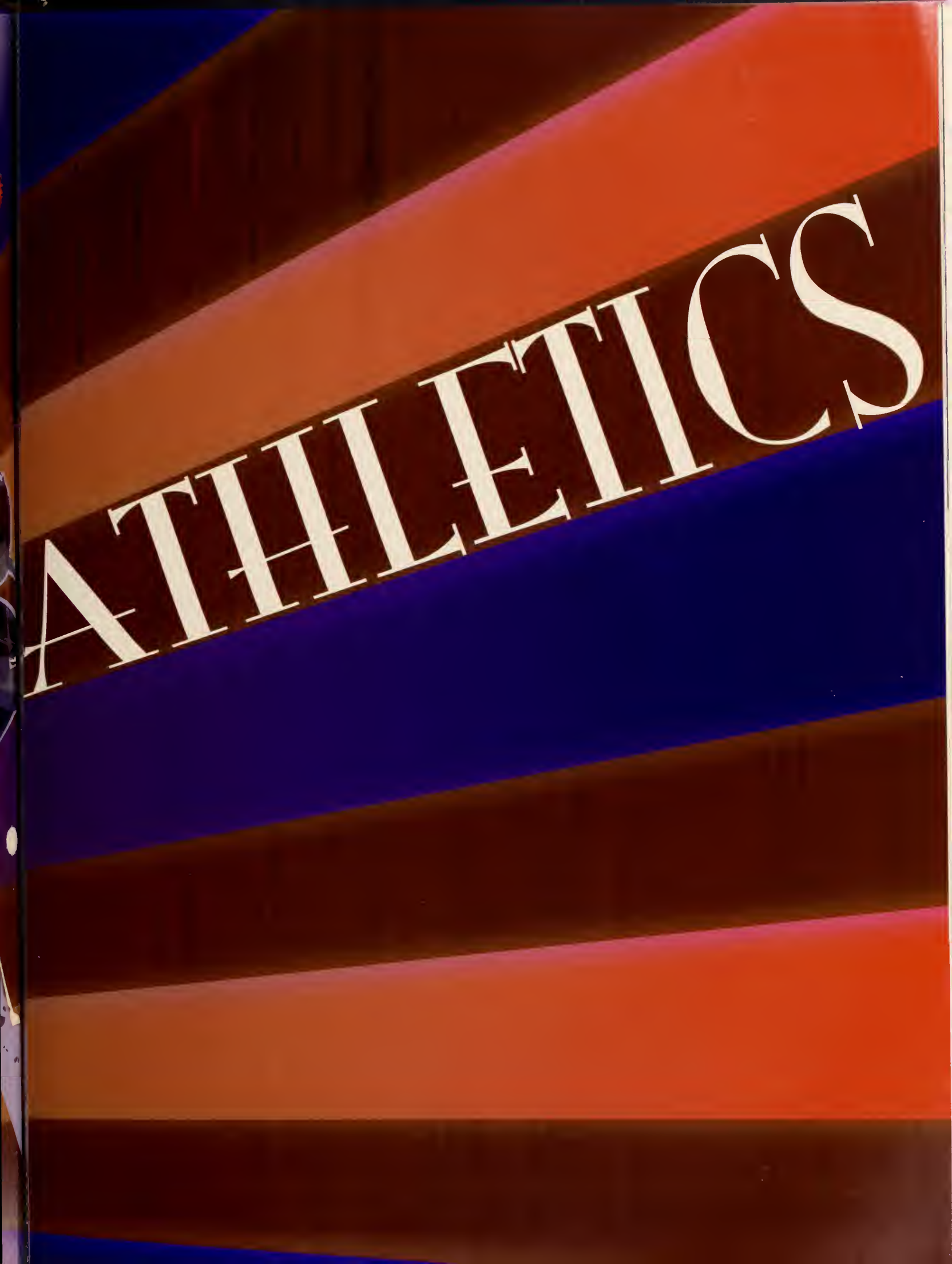
What was your favorite part at graduation?
I think my favorite part was having my grandfather hand me my diploma on the stage. *(Grandfather pictured with Michael and President Randall Webb.)*

What are you doing after graduation?
I work as the Business Manager for Turner Teleco-Alexandria, a business telecommunications company. I started working on my masters, but am currently not taking any classes. I plan on resuming this summer or fall.



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ATHLETICS

A Family Affair

the man behind the "promise"

The "Peveto Promise" echoed across Natchitoches as season ticket holders renewed their seats, but as the saying goes, a "promise is only as good as the man who made it."

Bradley Dale Peveto returned home to the Demons as head football coach after an 11-year hiatus.

"I love Northwestern State," he said. "I love our kids. I love being back. I love what we're doing."

But it wasn't just the atmosphere and cooking that drew Peveto toward NSU. After coaching at some "unstable institutions," Peveto returned home comforted by the administration.

"A strong administration is the foundation of a football program," he said. "If it's not stable, you don't have a chance."

He continued to explain how he liked the stability from "President Webb to [Athletic Director] Greg Burke."

"NSU has always had a tradition of football, tough players and players that play hard," Peveto said. And it was that "hard nose" football program he enjoyed.

The Demons shot for wins and championships, but Peveto's concentration was on doing the right things.

"[We are going] to take care of our academics, be respectful, old-fashioned on the field and in the classroom," he said. "The right things from A-Z."

But it wasn't the Demons' actions off the field that caught fans' attentions. Instead, it was their 0-7 record.

"Even though we're not where we want to be, I feel really good about it in my heart," Peveto said. "[We need to] stay focused, and it will work out in the end."

But not everyone had the same faith in the program. Halfway through the season, a reporter called the ex-LSU football coach to ask if he missed playing at LSU where "they won games."

"This is my team," he responded. "The most important game is at NSU. [There is] no other place I'd rather be. It was a slower start than what I wanted, but if we stay tough good things are going to come."

"Your circumstances don't make you, they only determine what you do next," he continued. "Leadership is gained by how well we handle adversity. Anybody can lead when things are going well."

Peveto practically grew up on the football field. He lived on a campus most of his life and was usually within "throwing distance" of the field house.

"[Football] is in my blood," he said. "I love the spirit and the camaraderie."

The self-proclaimed "field house rat" grew up loving the game alongside his three brothers and has continued that football tradition with his family.

Peveto's wife, Melissa, and their two children, Payton, 7, and Jacob, 4, joined the team and could be seen on the sidelines during not only the games, but practices as well.

It was the family atmosphere that the Demons grew to expect out of football this season.

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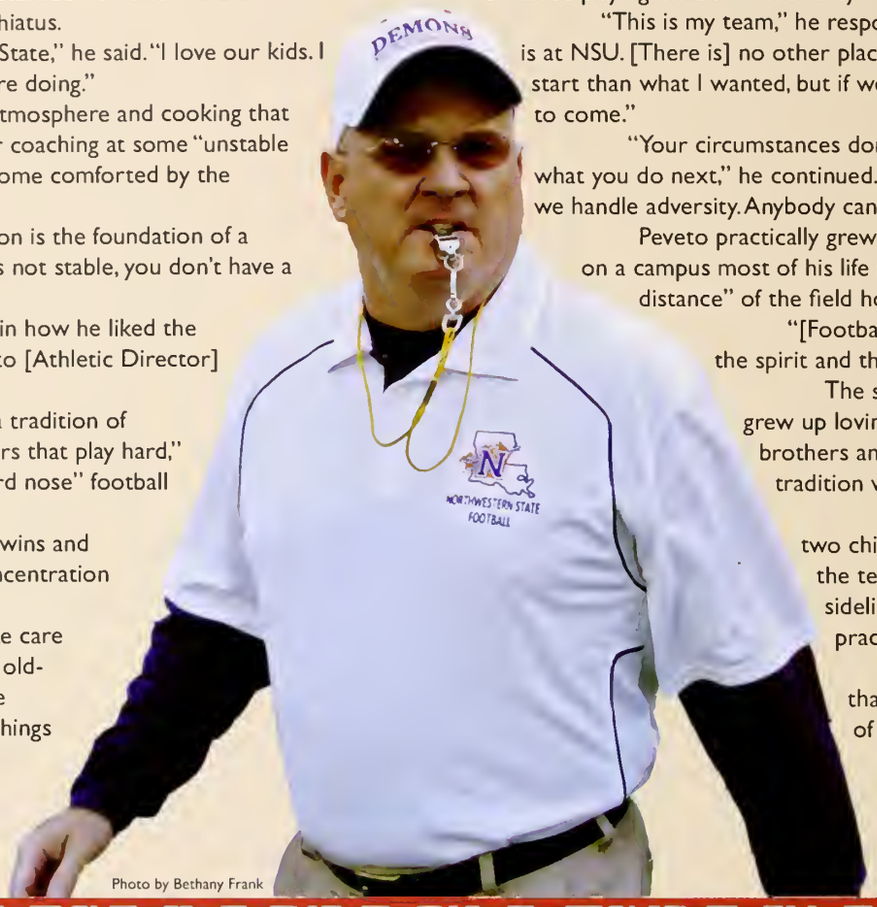
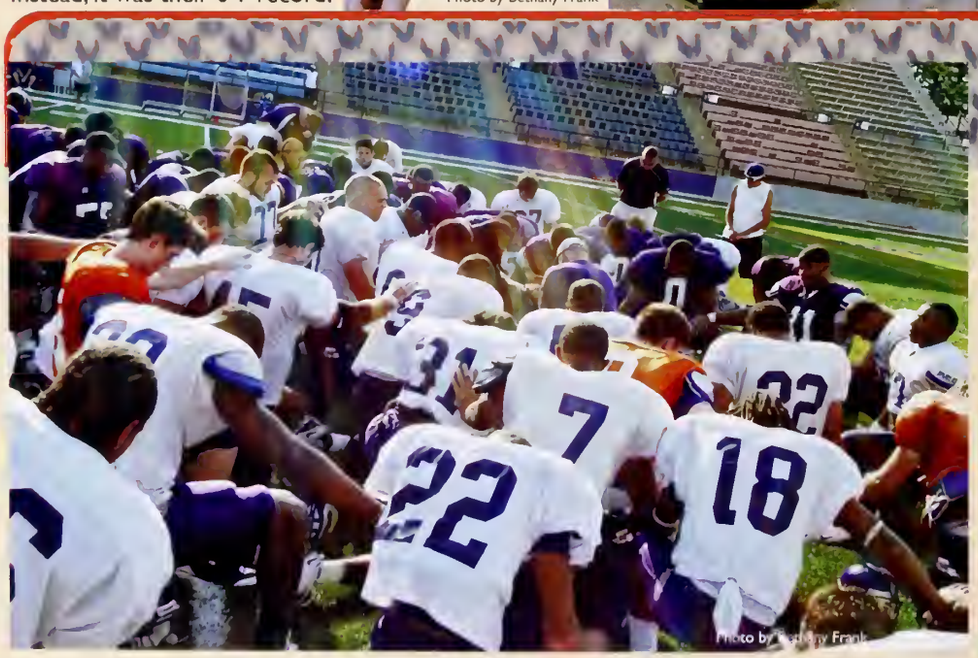


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Above: The team gathered together after practice to pray together. The team finished each practice with a prayer.


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Right: Head Coach Bradley Dale Peveto with his wife, Melissa, and their two children, Payton, 7, and Jacob, 4.. Peveto's family joined the team and could be seen on the sidelines cheering on the Demons during not only the games, but practices as well.



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The Peveto File*

Year at NSU: 4th (1st since 1998)
Birthdate: Dec. 28, 1962
Hometown: Beaumont, Texas
High School: Orangefield (Texas)
College: SMU, '87

Playing Experience
1982-86 SMU (defensive back)

Coaching Experience
1987 Trinity Valley Community College (secondary)
1988-91 Stephen F. Austin (defensive line, linebacker, secondary, special teams coordinator)
1992-93 Southern Miss (outside linebackers, special teams coordinator)
1994-95 Arkansas (linebackers, special teams coordinator)
1996-98 Northwestern (La.) State (defensive coordinator, linebackers)
1999-2002 Houston (secondary/co-defensive coordinator)
2003-04 Middle Tennessee (defensive coordinator, secondary, linebackers)
2005- 09 LSU (special teams coordinator, linebackers)

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Above: Coach Bradley Dale Peveto explains to the team how their "blood, sweet and tears" are going to pay off when they take the field against Central Arkansas. Peveto inspired his players before every game with a pre-game speech to hel

Left: The coaches gather to discuss any issues that await them for Saturday's game. The coaches met each Saturday after joining the players for a team breakfast, prayer and "mental" practice.



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Demons Defeated

losing it all



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t happens every year. For the last game of the season, the Demon football team is pitted against the Lumberjacks of Stephen F. Austin in an all out 'Battle for Chief Caddo." But this year, it was more than a fight for the seven-foot-six, 320-pound statue.

It was a fight to avoid what has never been done in the history of Demon football. It was a fight to win for the first time all season and avoid a winless year. The Demon football team was unable to escape their inevitable fate in the 19-10 defeat handed to them by the Lumberjacks, giving the Demons their first ever-winless season with a record of 0-11.

"All of our goals was set to win the Southland Conference Championship," Isaiah Greenhouse, senior general studies major, said. " We had hopes of going undefeated or only having one loss but things turned out to be the complete opposite."

Greenhouse explained that his unforgettable senior season was full of bad breaks that were sometimes avoidable.

"Sometimes it was one or two mistakes that cost us the game," Greenhouse said. " If we played 44 of the 50 snaps at full speed, those six plays were usually big plays that would have been stopped if we didn't mess up."

The Demons had a handful a close games that could have gone in favor of NSU

The Demons' first home game of the season was against the University of North Dakota. NSU rallied back to bring the game within five late in the contest. On the final Demon drive to win the game, the Center snapped the ball over the head of quarterback Tyler Wolfe, ruining the Demons' last chance to win the game.

For homecoming, the Demons hosted the Bobcats of Texas State University. TSU defeated NSU 20-17 but the game was even closer than the three-point differential. The deciding points came with on 1:55 left in the game when TSU kicker Justin Garelick nailed a 21-yarder. NSU still believed and pushed the ball to the Bobcats 39-yard line, but was thwarted by a sack and a dropped pass followed by and unsuccessful fourth-down conversion.

The Demon football team faced adversity every week and had to find ways to stay motivated despite the ending results.

"The seniors always tried to keep everybody's heads up," Greenhouse said. " We just got ready for the next game by focusing on the mistakes and grew hungrier for that first win."

Kasey Brown, senior accountant major, positively described the season in one word; "togetherness."

"Every game was hard fought but the results were the same," Brown said. " Instead of us falling apart and pointing the finger, we stayed together."

Brown believes that if any fingers should be pointed, it should be pointed at the players and not the coaches.

Next season, the Demon football team will have plenty to prove. Greenhouse believes that the team is still loaded with talent and with a good recruiting class, the Demons will have a great shot at a conference championship.

Jimmie Walker


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Left Center Aramie Brooks, junior business major, slamming it home against the Southern Unive sity at New Orleans. The Demons went on to route to the Knights 92-6

Below: Guard Keithan Hancock, senior business major, playing tight defense against the Unive sity of Texas-A&M Corpus Christi. Hancock scored nine points on 60 percent shooting agair TAMUC


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There is no

demon basketbal

The basketball team saw an unusual low last season, finishing with an overall record of 11-20. The Demons conference record of 3-13 did not grant them the opportunity to compete in the Southland Conference tournament a place that was considered home to Demon Basketball.

"I was visiting this school well before I enrolled and seeing all the previous teams make it to conference was amazing," Sophomore Point Guard Dominic Knight, general studies major, said. "It was a humbling experience to not make it this year. Next year will be different."

Not reaching the conference tournament was disappointing to fans, players and coaches alike.

"I expected to go back to the conference championship," Junior Guard Damon Jones, business administration major, said. "We thought it was going to be handed to us, but things didn't go that way."

The team faced many obstacles that seemed impossible to overcome. "They were as talented as any team we've put on the floor," Head Coach Mike McConathy said. "But the level of talent made things frustra ing."

McConathy added that the most talented teams are not the be ones, but it's the teams that work well together on and off the court.

Assistant Coach Mark Slessinger believes that the team just had string of a tough luck.

The Demons were over .500 heading into conference and lost k games that put them in an insurmountable rut.

"Offensively we couldn't score," Knight said. "We would play gre defense, and then get on offense and just couldn't produce."

The Demons averaged 70.6 points per non-conference games ar 66.9 per conference games.

"Our inability to score points hurt us," McConathy said. "We playe strong defense but didn't offensively rebound well."

While last season seemed to be a nightmare, it didn't go witho memorable moments.

elow: Point Guard Logan McConathy, junior journalism major, driving past a Knights de nder. McConathy scored two points and had five assists in the 92-64 win over SUNO. **ight:** Center William Mosley, sophomore general studies major, blocking a shot by UTSA. he Demons proceeded to win the game 77-74, one of only three conference victories.



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"I" in team

ebuilds for future

Knight's biggest moment was bittersweet. It was a loss, but it showed mpses of what Demon basketball should be.

"We played Miami (OH) twice last season," Knight said. "The first as a blowout, and the second was a loss as well, but we never backed own and kept fighting."

That game appeared to be a turning point for Demon basketball, but nother blow struck the team. Freshman Guard Dwayne Watkins tore his CL and left the team with less depth.

The Demons then fell short of a victory by one point, with the final ore being 68-69.

For Jones, the biggest game of the year was against Central Arkansas.

"I scored 36 points, and we won," Jones said. "It was a team effort, nd we got it done."

It was the Demons' first SLC victory, and it could not have come at better time. The Demons were on an eight-game losing streak, losing ugh games to Southeastern, Nicholls and Texas A&M Corpus Christi.

"We found a different way to be successful," McConathy said. "We out-rebounded UCA and got it done."

Kalem Porterie and Will Mosley began to become recognized presences in the low post.

"Porterie had a breakout stretch and solidified his positions as a low post scoring option and as a leader of the team," Slessinger said.

Slessinger added that Mosley should have been the Freshman of the Year. Mosley was a defensive force to be reckoned with in the paint accumulating 76 blocks and 39 steals on the year. He averaged 8.5 rebounds per game and shot 67 percent from the field.

The Demon Basketball team expects a different turn of events next season, adding key players to help out the core-returning players.

"Anytime you have a difficult year, you refocus on what allowed you to have a successful tenure," McConathy said. "This time around we are taking the family approach and pulling together."

Jimmie Walker



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Overcoming adversity

lady demons soar past expectations

The Lady Demon Basketball team discovered the hard way that they are not immune to the "injury bug." The Lady Demons demonstrated how tough they were and overcame huge obstacles.

The team finished with an overall record of 18-13, 9-7 in conference play, which granted them another trip to the Southland Conference Tournament.

The injury-plagued Lady Demons made it to the semifinals of the SLC tournament, a step further than the previous year.

Junior Forward Sherrion Thomas and Junior Guard Lyndzee Greene believe that the team chemistry and team unity helped make it to another level in spite of having to use their guards in the post.

"We are great friends on and off the court," Greene, junior hospitality management and tourism major, said. "When one player falls, everyone comes to the aid of that person.

"Coach Graf always expected us to fight and dig deep no matter how the game turned out," Greene continued. "We had injuries during conference and had to readjust, but she instilled in us how important it was to overcome adversity."

Preseason workouts got the Lady Demons ready for things of that nature.

"It was my first year, and I had to get adjusted to the speed and adapt to the level of play," Thomas, junior biology major, said.

Greene added that preseason workout was the hardest time for them, but it helped them out in the end.

The Lady Demons' hard work paid off and left an unforgettable moment in the minds of each player.

"Winning our first conference tournament game has to be the most memorable moment to me," Greene said. "Every year we would always get to the conference tournament but never make it out of the first round."

The Lady Demons beat in-state rival Southeastern University Lady Lions 51-45. It was the third time the two teams faced each other and only one week after the Lions defeated the Lady Demons in the last game of the regular season.

Greene attributed the win against the Lions in the SLC tournament to an attitude adjustmen

The Lady Demons ignored the big pictur and focused on the game directly in front them, she added.

"We knew we could beat them," Green said. "We had to mentally prepare ourselv to overcome the hurdle, and we just was tire [from] losing the first game.'

It was the team's first tournament victor since the 2004-05 season.

After escaping the first round, the Lady De mons faced the University of Texas at San An tonio, the team that defeated them in the firs round of the previous tournament.

The Lady Demons fought back after a rough start and took a one-point lead after being dow 21-2.

Despite having standout Freshman Guar Demetria White and Junior post player Courtne Shead scoring in double figures, UTSA knocke out the Lady Demons for a second year in a row

Thomas said the experience and toug times they faced this year will better prepar them for a run at the championship next season

Jimmie Walke



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Opposite page: Guard Brooke Shepherd, sophomore biology major, average 8.9 points and 2.8 rebounds per game in the 2008-2009 season.
Far left: Guard Anna Cate Williams, junior health and human performance major, and forward Brittany Kinlaw, sophomore general studies major, double teaming a Sugar Bear from the University of Central Arkansas. The Lady Demons were victorious over UCA, 72-61.
Left: Point Guard Demetria White led the Lady Demons in scoring, averaging 11.3 points per game.
Below: The Lady Demons finished the season with a record of 18-13.



Demons on the field

scholars in the classroom

This season the Demons did more than succeed on the field, they also excelled in the classroom.

Many players earned academic awards during the season, including three players who received All-Academic honors and one who was named CoSIDA/ESPN Academic All-District.

Outfielder Jordan Nipp, First Baseman Justin O'Neal and Third Baseman Joe Urtuzuastegui, were awarded Southland Conference(SLC) All-Academic honors in June. The trio each had a GPA of 3.0 and above, as well as an excellent field record.

Nipp was also the recipient of the CoSIDA/ESPN Academic All-District and a prestigious SLC scholarship. He was one of two student athletes to be awarded the scholarship in the past three years.

Nipp maintained a 3.977 GPA in biology and graduated Summa Cum Laude. He was honored for the scholarship in May at the league's annual spring meetings in Galveston, Texas.

Several other players received athletic honors, including pitcher Chad Sheppard, who won All-American and All-Ping! Freshman honors. Joe Urtuzuastegui, Justin O'Neal, Chase Lyles and Chad Sheppard were named to the All-Louisiana team. Lyles was named National and SLC Hitter of the Week in May.

Urtuzuastegui and Jimmy Heard signed a professional contracts with the Shreveport-Bossier Captains.

Despite their efforts, the Demons were eliminated from the SLC Tournament. They lost 9-7 to Southeastern Louisiana University.

"We still have a young team," Second Baseman Chase Lyles, senior general studies major, said. "I believe we'll do a lot better than last year."

Amanda Duncil



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Extra Innings

Chad Sheppard tied a school record with 10 saves.

Justin O'Neal led the team with 52 runs batted in. He is the first player since 2004 to reach the 50 RBI milestone and was named 2009 team batting champion after averaging .373 for the season. He earned his title while missing three games due to a fractured jaw.

The Demons finished the year hitting .308 and had a 6.98 ERA. The batting average was the highest since the 2001 team hit .318. Also, the 53 home runs hit this year was the most since 58 were clobbered by the 1999 squad.

It was the first time since 1974 that two players have hit double-digit home runs in the same season with Chase Lyles hitting 14 and Justin O'Neal 11.



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Top The Demon Baseball team finishes the season with a record of 26-26.
Bottom: Infielder Joe Urtuzuastegui, senior political science major, sliding back into first base to avoid the pickoff. Urtuzuastegui finished the season with a batting average of .371, and he also had eight home runs and 45 RBIs.

















Team struggles

rocky innings

"Last season was not great for sure," Pitcher Kelee Grimes, sophomore business administration major, said. "But it was definitely an experience. Experience to grow from and learn from."

As a freshman on the team, Grimes led the team in strike-outs with 118 and also led innings pitched at 184.2 for the Lady Demons.

"She throws to the fire," Coach Donald Pickett said in reference to Grimes. "She grew up pretty fast and gave everything she had, but she didn't get backed up."

The Lady Demons finished the season 5-45.

"We did what we could do, and sometimes that's just not good enough," Picket said.

"We were doing the right things," he continued. "[We] go out and make a big splash, and we are excited about the next few years and everything we will be able to accomplish."

The young team comprised eight returning players and 10 new players, with only three seniors.

Senior Outfielders Cary Bruno and Brittany Card led the team in speed and leadership, according to Pickett. And senior 3rd Baseman Amanda Jameson, starting 48 games, was in the middle of the lineup and top hitter last year with 27 hits and eight doubles.

Samantha Roberts led the team in doubles with 11 throughout the season.

Tiffany Ward, Leslie Johnson and Randi Stuard started each game. Stuard proceeded to lead the Lady Demons in hits and stealing 11 bases throughout the season.

It was a tough season, Pickett said. "Whatever could happen did happen."

"It was an uphill battle," he said. "The kids responded to that and gave us effort all year long."

"It's easy to change attitude and not come out to work everyday," Pickett continued. "[But] they worked hard all the way through the season."

The won-loss record was hard to get through, Pickett said, but he was confident in the team's ability to continue to grow.

"Perhaps most important was the approach Coach Pickett took with the players during what was a difficult season," Athletic Director Greg Burke said. "He was very much an 'encourager' and coached with the idea that he was going to make the 2009 season the best possible for the three seniors and establish a good foundation for the morale and psyche of the underclassmen."

Pickett joined the team late in the summer and was unable to actively participate in the recruitment process for the 2008-2009 season. But since his hiring, he signed nine players for the 2009-2010 season, and has actively worked on recruiting for the 2011-12 and 2012-13 seasons.

"There are no short cuts in the recruiting process," Burke said. "You have to be willing to invest time and energy into the process, and Coach Pickett has done just that."

"Coach Pickett brings to the program a level of maturity and a sense of professionalism that will be positive for our student-athletes, our athletic program, and for our university and community," Burke continued.

The Lady Demons walked away from this season learning a lot and looking toward their goals.

You might not obtain your goals every year, Pickett said.

"[You] look at the kids and know they've improved," he continued. "Know they've gotten better—players and person—that's success. Because if we do those things, the wins and loses will take care of themselves."

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Opposite page: [illegible] men health and exercise science major, competing in the high jump event at the NSU Invitational.

Right top: [illegible] general studies major, preparing to start his leg of the 4X100 meter H[illegible] an the 4X100 on rare occasions and only as an alternate.

Right Middle: [illegible] senior computer information science major, in the middle of the shot put throw. Jones finished second in the SLC indoor championships.

Right Bottom: Cod[illegible] senior business major, throwing the Javelin in the NSU In-[illegible] finished the season as a member of the NCAA All-American track team.

Left Top: Daniel Yarbrough, senior industrial engineering major, about to release the [illegible] the hammer-throw competition. Yarbrough finished second in the weight-throw event in the SLC Indoor Championships.

Right Bottom: Mike Green, junior general studies major, running the final leg of the 4X400 relay. Green and his teammates finished third in the NCAA Midwest regional in the 4X400 relay event..













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Running laps around the SLC

veterans lead demons track and field

The Demons avoided tough obstacles and showcased their athletic bility beyond expectations. All-American, All-Louisiana and Southland Conference honors found a home with many members of the Demons' quad.

All-American honors landed in Demon territory via Javelin Thrower Cody Fillinich, senior business administration. Fillinich earned his fourth All-merican honors placing eighth in the NCAA Outdoor Championships.

Fillinich snagged the honor with a throw of 225-1 feet, more than 14 eet shorter than his personal best of 239-10 feet, which was also the best nark in the state.

The men's 4x400 meter relay team of Michael Batts, Jamie Emery, Chris Pearson and Mike Green shocked the conference with their per-ormance. The relay team was ranked third in the state with a recorded me of 3:08.08 at the NCAA Midwest Regionals, which earned them All-Louisiana honors. The team fell just short of making it to the NCAA Championships.

"It was a heartbreaker knowing that you have enough talent, but not nake it because of a technicality," Jamie Emery, sophomore industrial en-ineering major, said.

The 4x400 relay team had to use an alternate runner in the NCAA Midwest Regional because an original leg had school-related problems.

"Stuff happens," Green, junior industrial technology engineering ma-or, said. "We didn't use our full potential and because of that, we didn't each nationals."

Green also made the All-Louisiana team in the open 400 with the tate's third best time of 46.17.

"I'm happy I made All-Louisiana team," Green said. "I'm glad to put NSU on the map."

That time helped him punch a ticket to regionals in the open 400 event. He missed nationals by one place.

Green explained that being that close and not making it to nationals made him much hungrier for the next time.

"It was a very nice feeling to say you're one of the best in the state, but we wanted to be one the best in the nation," Emery said.

For Green, being the underdog doesn't mean anything.

" People don't think we can run. We are just as good and just as fast as anyone else," Green said of his team.

Junior Hurdler Mike Hill and Seniors Chris Pearson and Corey Jones made the All-Louisiana team in their individual specialties.

Hill, junior general studies major, was ranked second best in the state with his personal best of 13.95 in the 110 meter hurdles

Jones, senior computer information systems major, ranked third in the shot put event with his personal best of 55-10 ¼ feet.

Pearson, senior Business Administration major, ran the third-best time in the state in the 800 meters with the time of 1:51.70.

Competition among teammates fueled the men's track team to reach marks that nobody believed were possible.

"The competitions we had on a daily basis against one another made us work harder," Emery said.

He explained that everyone wanted bragging rights and that competitive nature translated against other schools. The Demons expect nothing less than the same next season.

"Expect nothing short of nationals with All-American honors to go along with that," Green said confidently of his teammates.

Jimmie Walker



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Freshman leap over competition

track team races toward a successful future

With a few new faces and some old ones, the women's track team, despite some injuries, finished the 2009 outdoor track-and-field season on the right foot.

"We had a couple people get dinged up this season, but we had a few freshmen that stepped up and filled in quite nicely," Assistant Coach Haley Blount said. "It really makes me excited about our future knowing that these freshmen are going to be on the team for a while."

The freshmen that stepped up were Chantel Bratton and Leslie Jordan. They had to fill some of the holes left by Trecey Rew, Brittany Culotta and Redd Williams, who all had to sit out last season or were unable to perform in a meet due to injury.

"We knew coming in that we were going to have a bigger role on this team than most freshmen. It was actually one of the bigger selling points for me," Leslie Jordan, freshmen journalism major, said. "The thing I'm most excited about was the fact that I was able to actually do well on the collegiate level. It is much different than high school, but I surprised myself."

Jordan's first two collegiate track meets were the NSU Relays and the Cowboy Relays. She participated in the shot put and discus throw events. In the NSU Relays she placed second in the shot put and discus throws with throws of 40-5.50 feet and 130-2 feet, respectively.

However, in her second collegiate event, she placed first in the shot put competition with a throw of 41-11.5 feet. She also placed second in the discus throw.

"I was really glad to go out there and perform that well," Jordan said. "I can't lie, I was really nervous, but I was able to remember all the practicing I have done and did really well. I was proud of myself."

During the SLC championships, she finished fourth in shot put and eighth in the discus throw, ending her season just short of qualifying for the NCAA track meet.

Chantel Bratton also had a good showing in her first track meet. At the NSU Relays she beat out her own teammate in the shot put competition, making it her only first place throughout the season.

The women's track team also had a few members compete in the NCAA Mid-East Regional completion. Dejon Griffin in the hammer throw and the 4X100 meter team, composed of Amanda Freeman, Jazmen Williams, Jessica Tuck and Anna Forrest, all competed in the NCAA Mid-East Regional track meet.

The 4X100 team finished the regional meet in 13th place, while Griffin finished 14th.

"We had a real good showing, and it excites me that we will only get better from here," Blount said.

Andy Bullard



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One step in front of the other

pushing forward

You keep pushing one foot in front of the other as your legs become heavier. Even the gentle breeze feels like a forceful gust of wind against your body. Your breathing has formed its own pattern, and you could almost sing to it if you had enough air left in your lungs to speak. Less than a mile to go, you're almost finished. Each step is fueled as much by your mental endurance as your physical.

You can see the finish line and begin to increase your pace. Almost there. Your breathing becomes heavier along with your legs. Almost there. You start going faster. You have to catch that runner just ahead of you. The crowd's cheers flow to your ears as you broach the finish line. Almost there. You go faster, and it hurts even more. You've almost got it, just a little faster.

Now, you're side by side. You've both pushed your bodies to their physical limit. Now it's a test of mental strength. You have to show you want it more. Almost there. You push yourself harder, faster and into more pain. Almost there. You gain on him by a mere stride's length, but it's just enough. You lay out every inch of energy left inside and run as fast of a sprint as you can across the finish line.

You made it, you think to yourself as you throw your hands on top your head to catch your breath. As you try to regulate your breathing again, you stagger away from the finish line while trying not to puke.

This activity is one that would make many people wonder who in their right mind would willingly put themselves through such an ordeal.

"It's definitely a sport that a lot of people don't appreciate because they don't understand what it takes," Head Coach Haley Blount said. "Distance runners understand what each other are going through and bond."

The Demon runners bonded in Blount's third year coaching the cross-country team, which is a change from the previous years when there was a different coach each year.

"It's almost like a break up when a coach leaves, and it's hard on the team," Blount said.

Rebuilding a program that seemed neglected was her biggest challenge coming in, Blount said, but the Demons proved her efforts were worth it. The team went from winning one meet over the two previous seasons to the Lady Demons taking home three victories of the seven meets they attended last season.

Blount said the main difference was the leadership aspect. The team elected team captains and co-captains.

The team didn't have an off-season since they continued training year round, and many of them ran distance races in track.

Andrew Bordelon

Rough Terrain

fall short after successful start

Despite a record of 11-9 and not making it to the Southland Conference tournament, the Lady Demon Soccer team elevated their game higher than many past teams. The Lady Demons had their best start in the program's history, winning their first five games of the season.

"Nine of us stayed all summer. We lifted weights 3 times a week and ran," forward Chelsey Gibbs, senior hospitality management major, said. "We came in strong and ready to go."

Gibbs was one of the many senior leaders on the team. She led the team with nine goals, 20 points, 56 shots, 29 shots on goals and four game-winning goals. Gibbs along with defender Chelsea Brozgold, senior health and exercise science major, made second All-SLC team.

The Lady Demons soccer team didn't just have a single biggest strength this past season.

"We relied heavily on our strengths for every game," defender Lacie Hughes, senior psychology major, said. "When we were able to pass the ball effectively and communicate, we became unbeatable."

10 of the teams' 11 wins were shutouts thanks to the aggressive play on both sides of the ball.

"I never had a coach that stressed being physical like Coach Mitchell," said Gibbs. "He knew that injuries were apart of the game and made us be physical in practice because it translates to the real game."

The Team's first lost came to Mississippi State.

The undefeated Bulldogs outshot the Demons 16-13 and handed the team its first lost with the final score being 2-1. "We knew they were going to be a good opponent," Gibbs said." We felt we could beat them but we didn't play our best."

For Gibbs, the loss at the hands of the Bulldogs brought the team together and motivated them to dominate the rest of the competition.

"Our team chemistry was rocky in the past," Hughes said." But now we were a team on and off the field."

The Lady Demons rose through the ranks and at one point was ranked 54th.

The team struggles in conference play The Lady Demons lost five out of nine games and were unable to receive a bid to the conference tournament.

For Hughes, most of the losses were because of the team's weaknesses and not because the team was better.

"As a team, it was hard for us to finish and capitalize on the scoring opportunities," Hughes said." When that happens, we would play to the skill level of the competition and not pass the ball effectively.



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Can't Dig it

lady demon volleyball struggles to kill competition

For the first time in five seasons, The Lady Demons Volleyball team missed the Southland Conference Tournament. The team finished with conference record of 2-14 and an overall record of 3-21.

The Lady Demons lost their first seven games of the season. The team's first win didn't come until they faced the University of Louisiana Lafayette Ragin' Cajuns in the NSU Tournament.

"The season didn't start out like we all expected it to," outside hitter Yelena Enwere, senior health and human performance major, said. "It was good to get that first win out of the way."

523 people came to watch the Lady Demons defeat ULL in straight sets: 25-20, 26-24, 25-23.

It was the Lady Demon's best night of the season so far as they hit .256 percent from the floor and nailed 48 kills to go along with 14 blocks.

The Lady Demon's second win and first conference win came after another long losing streak. The team easily defeated Texas A&M-Corpus Christi in four sets by the scores of 19-25, 25-12, 25-14, 25-17.

The Lady Demons lost nine consecutive games before they were able to put together a cohesive game.

"For a moment we were stuck in a rut," setter Luana Henriques, senior physical therapy major said. "We lost the first set but we didn't give up and pulled away with the win."

We started flat but really kicked it into gear in the second set," Brittney Uffelman Lady Demon head coach said.

[illegible] season best with 20 kills in 36 attacks and only four attacking errors. Outside hitter Zanny Castillo, junior accounting major, led the team with 21 digs while Megan Manning, junior biology major had 43 assists.

The Lady Demons third and final win came shortly after. It was the Lady's Demon's most impressive win. The team rallied back from a 0-2 deficit to win in five sets by the scores of 17-25, 23-25, 25-21, 25-21,15-13.

The three seniors, Enwere, Henriques and Megan Dockery, came up big that night.

Enwere led the team in kills with 17 while Henriques posted a career-high in assists with 51. Dockery, senior business marketing major led the team with 21 digs.

Sophomore middle blocker Laranda Spann, junior journalism major had a career-high 17 kills.

The team had its best hitting percentage with .433 from the floor.

For next season, the Lady Demons volleyball team will be without four-year head coach Uffelman. Uffelman has been a part of the Lady Demon Volleyball team for six years and is resigning position to pursue other professional opportunities.

"I fell in love with the Natchitoches community and feel very blessed to have been associated with all the NSU student athletes over the years both through coaching and FCA," Uffelman said. "It's bittersweet, but I'm very excited about returning home."

Jimmie Walker


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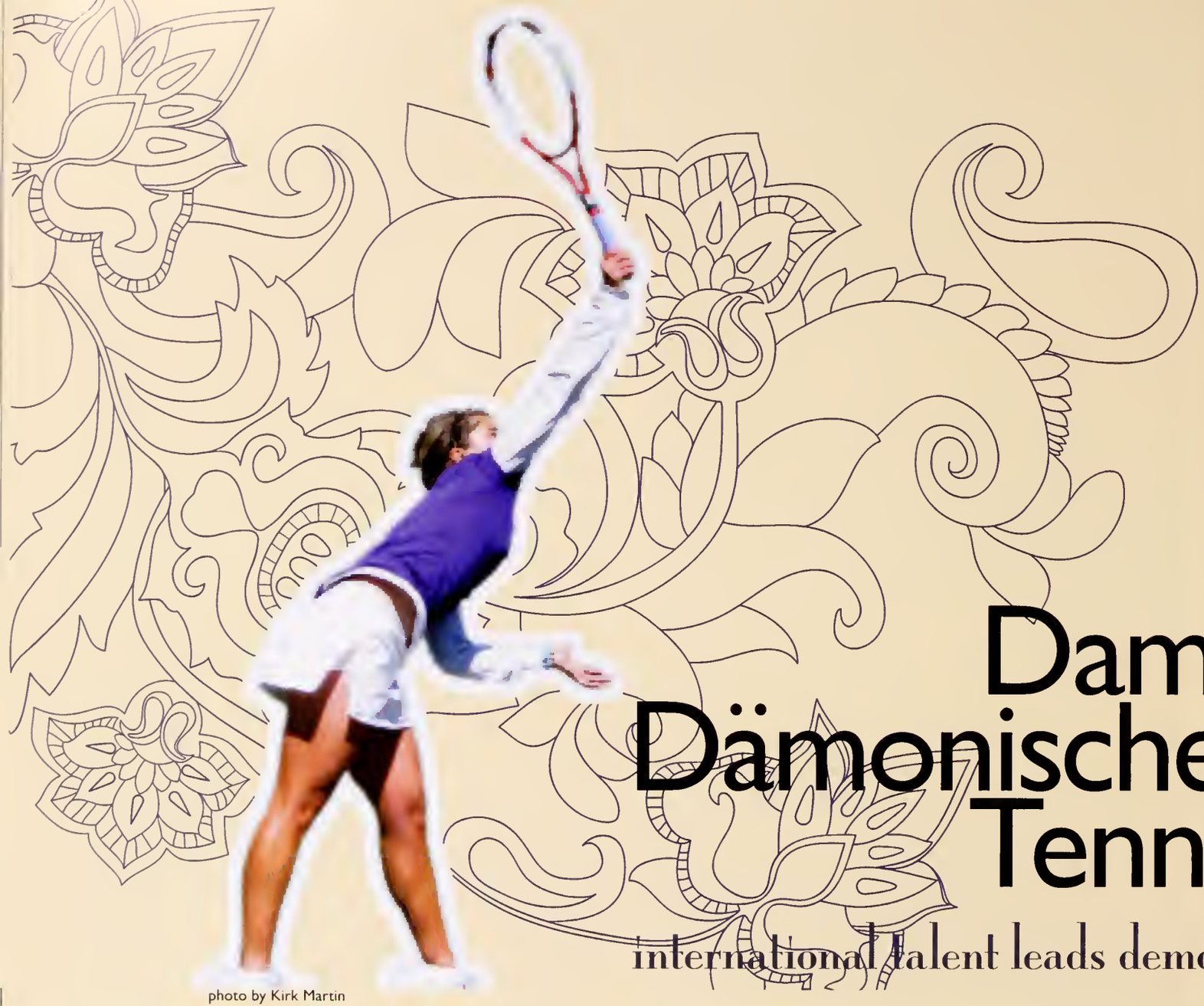


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Dame Dämonisches Tennis

international talent leads demons

We all know going to college away from home can be a trying time in a student's life, even more so for a student-athlete.

Now, imagine your home is thousands of miles away on a completely different continent. That's what most of the ladies from the Lady Demon Tennis team had to combat, along with the events on the court.

The Lady Demon Tennis team was composed of ladies from Bosnia-Herzegovina, Colombia, Germany and the Ukraine. For some of the ladies, the biggest obstacles about transitioning from their home country to America was the simple thing most foreigners faced.

"The language barrier is the hardest part," Bianca Schulz, junior hospitality major said. "Not only the language barrier, but the culture is also hard to overcome. Like, in Germany we don't eat out, but here in America you might not eat if you don't eat out."

The language barrier and culture are not the only thing the ladies had to adjust to. Juggling the responsibilities of being a student athlete could be a problem, but for the Lady Demons, the adjusting period was very fast.

"They actually have adjusted very well. These are very high-caliber athletes and very high-caliber students," Head Coach Patric Dubois said. "They all graduate with very high grade point averages. This team last year had a grade point average, as a team, of 3.7 in the fall and 3.5 in the spring. Academically, they are very strong. Socially, they meet a lot of people, which is a very good experience for all involved."

Even with the pressures of their families being thousands of miles away and being in a new country, most of them for the first time, the NSU tennis team still performed well on the court.

"I'm actually playing better tennis here than I do in Germany," Schulz said. "I love the whole college experience. I love how we play on a semi-professional level here and I love it."

The Lady Demon Tennis team did not let the fact that they have so many obstacles to overcome stop them from having a good season. They finished the season with a record of 15-8.

The season ended in the semifinals of the Southland Conference tournament with a loss to the University of Texas-Arlington.

"Despite all the things they have to overcome, being in a new place the ladies have played real well," Dubois said. "With us having a young team, I see great things in its future."

Andy Bullard



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Outside the Lines

Sophomores Adna Curukovic, Kathrin Lange and Bianca Shulz, all with a gpa of 3.8 or better, were among 12 student athletes chosen for the 2009 SLC All-Academic Women's Tennis team.

Schulz made first-team All-Southland Conference at No. 2 doubles after posting SLC marks of 8-3 in No. 4 singles, 11-0 in doubles. Her overall singles record was 15-7, best on the team. Her overall doubles record also led the team -- 16-4, all at No. 2, with Lange

Bianca Schulz was a repeat selection on the All-Louisiana Women's Collegiate Tennis Team





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Opposite page: Daniela Posada, senior criminal justice major, serving the ball at the Jack Fisher Tennis Complex.
Top: Adna Curukovic, sophomore pre-medicine major, attempting to return a serve.
Left.: Suncica Strkic, freshman health and exercise science major, leaving the ground as she serves.
Right: Dragana Colic, sophomore business administration major, returning a serve on her way to a victory over Lena Satge of ULM.


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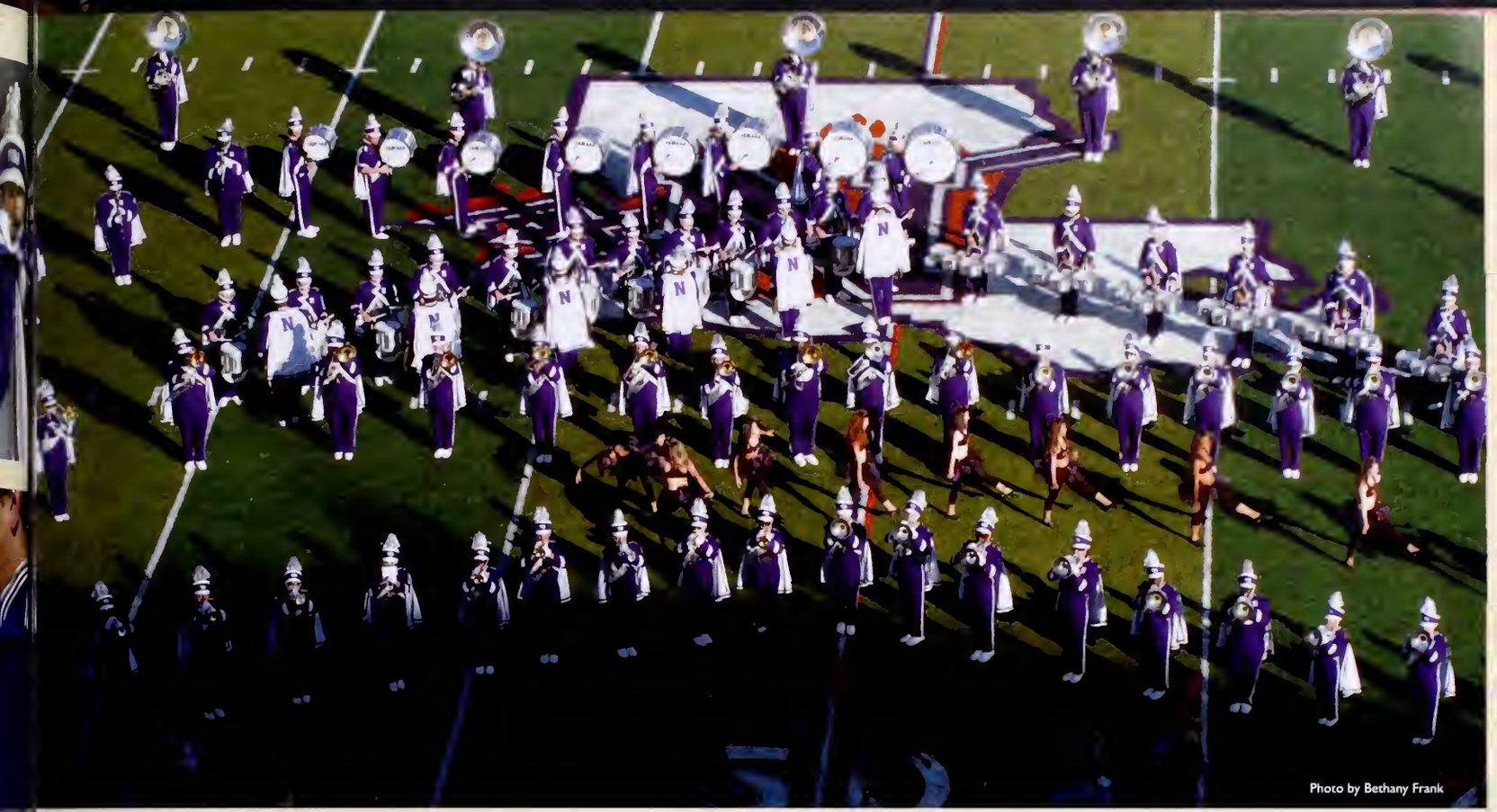


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Spooky Sounds

haunting Turpin

Double, double toil and trouble; Demons play as Turpin rumbles!

The Spirit of Northwestern Demon Marching Band cast its own spell f inspiration with its new horror-show performance.

"The horror show was an absolute blast," Brittany Laza, junior music ducation major and head trumpet section leader, said. "I don't think that here's anyone in band that didn't enjoy it."

Preparing for the performance was tough, so the marching band pent plenty of time practicing, she said. The band practiced for a full two ours daily and sometimes even practiced in the rain.

The drumline also had plenty of extra rehearsals, especially the color uard, Laza said. They practiced every day, including some weekends.

"Oh, those poor guard members," she said.

The marching band's horror show performance included the theme ong from the movie *Psycho*, 1960; *Saw* features; as well as excerpts from *Hannibal*, 2001; and *The Phantom of the Opera*, James Durbin, junior music ducation major and tuba player, said.

"We [performed] the horror show for two [football] games and the narching contest," Durbin said. "The marching contest is our main recruit-ng tool."

The contest consisted of high school marching bands from around the Natchitoches area that paid to compete, he said. This gave the NSU band nembers the opportunity to interact with the high school students and ecruit for the SON.

The band also started taking photographs of members and sending hem to their high schools to show the progress of their alumni to band members currently attending the school, Durbin said.

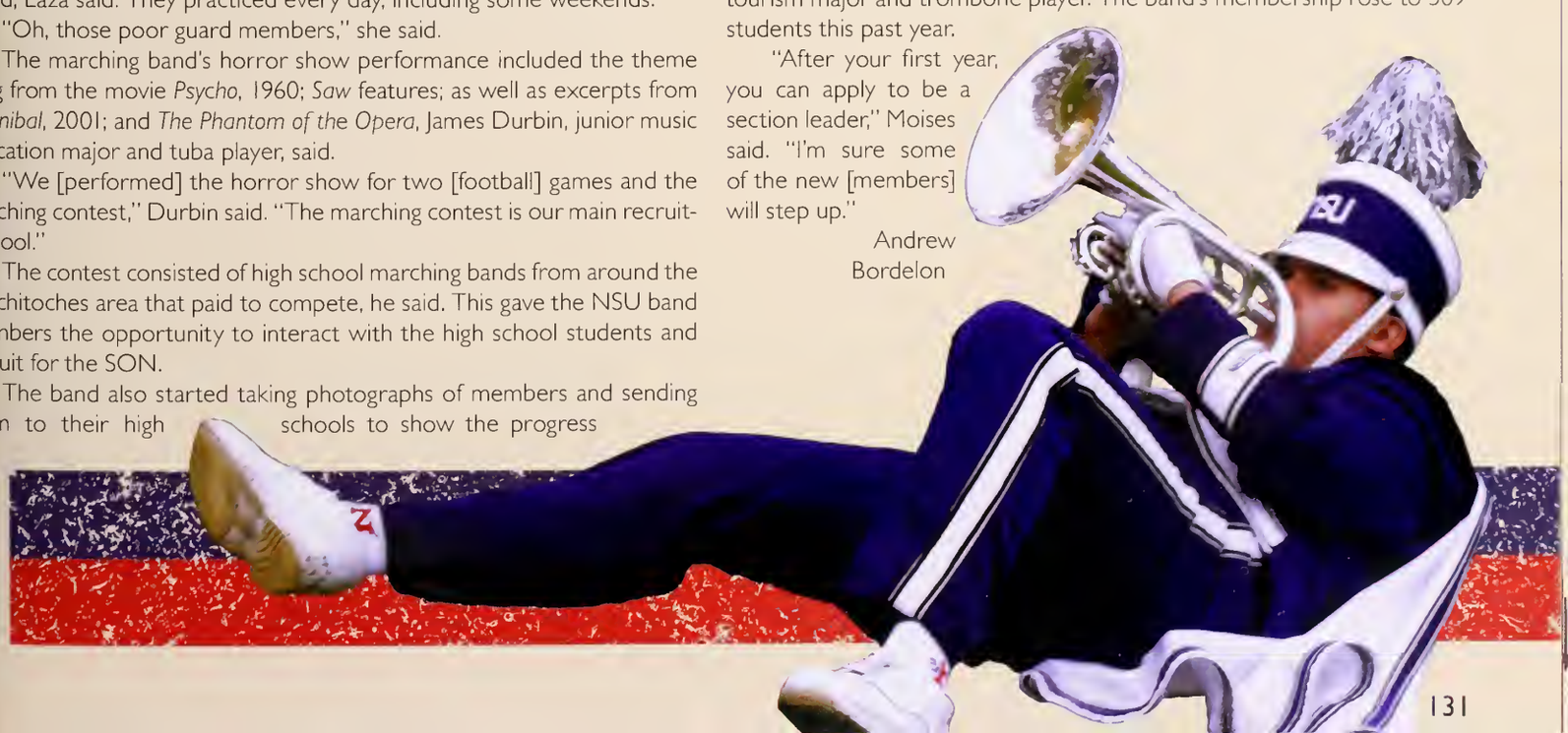
"YouTube and going back to our high schools are still some of our best recruiting methods," he said.

The online videos of their performances were put up by parents and other fans of the marching band, but the simple method of talking to the high school students face to face was used by many members, he said.

There were more freshmen entering the Demon band last year, which allowed for the program to mold them to be better throughout the next couple of years, said Cameron Moises, junior hospitality, management and tourism major and trombone player. The band's membership rose to 309 students this past year.

"After your first year, you can apply to be a section leader," Moises said. "I'm sure some of the new [members] will step up."

Andrew Bordelon



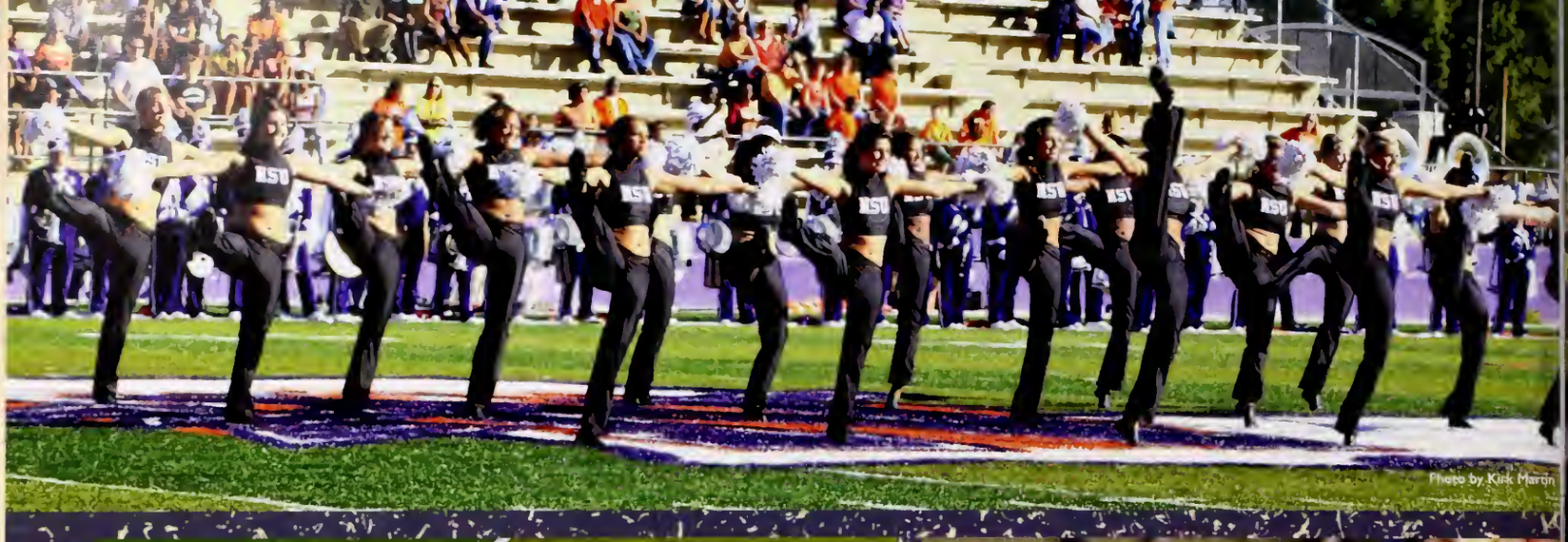
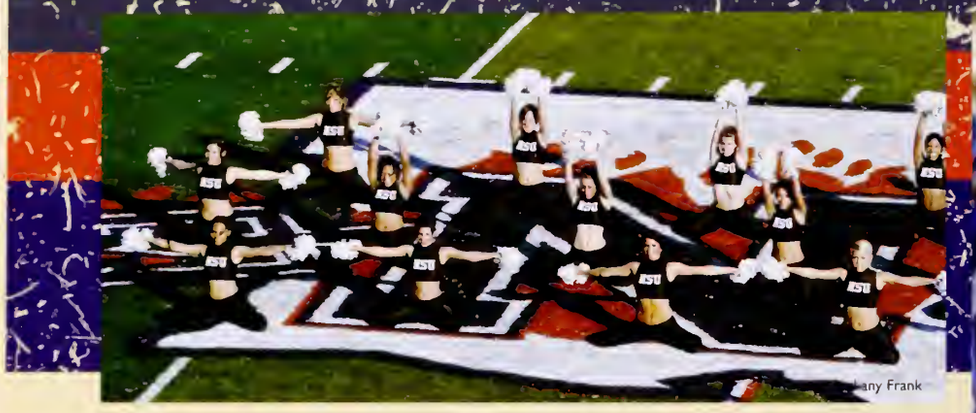


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Bethany Frank

Little something extra

adding pizzazz

When the team was down and the spirit in the stands was low, Demonland turned to something for a bit of a 'pick me up,' and that something was the Purple Pizzazz Pom Pon line.

The Purple Pizzazz kept the fans' spirits high with their infusion of dance and cheer into its routines. The pom pon line performed at half time shows at most sporting events including football, men's and women's basketball. The Purple Pizzazz also made appearances in parades and made special appearances in different events around the state.

"I love performing at the games," Nicole Dauzat, junior biology major, said. "I love the dance routines that we perform, and I just generally enjoy the feeling of performing in front of the crowd and seeing them get excited."

To practice for performances, they were required to train for two hours a day, four days a week.

"Sometimes the juggling practice, school and all the other things I have going on can be a hassle, but I wouldn't trade it for anything," Erin Fontenot, junior pre-physical therapy major, said. "I really love the things we get to do, and the looks on peoples faces makes everything worth it."

Andy Bullard

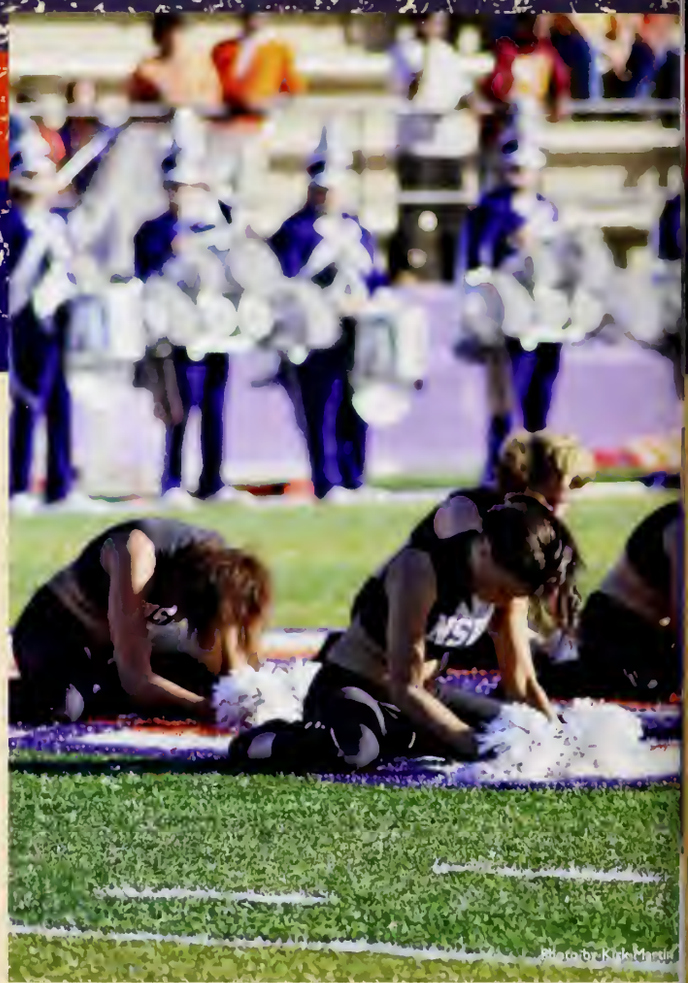


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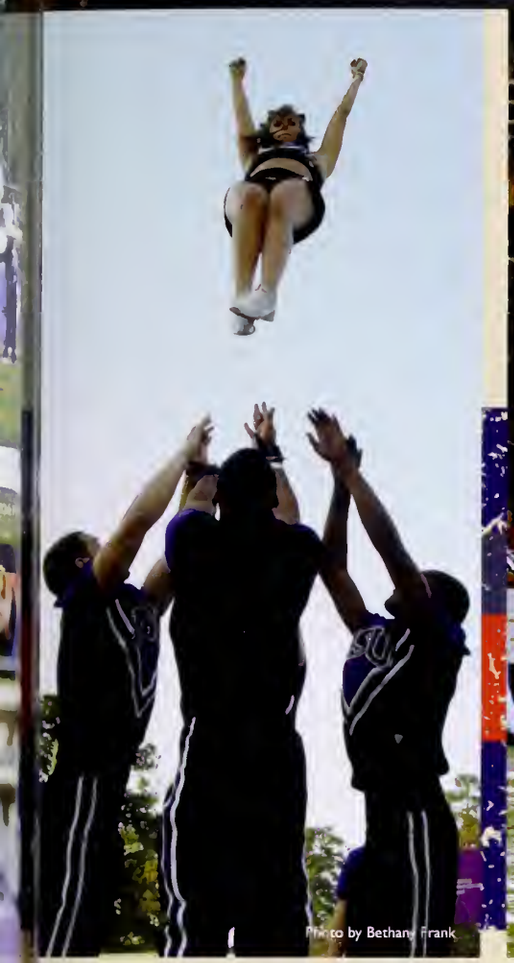
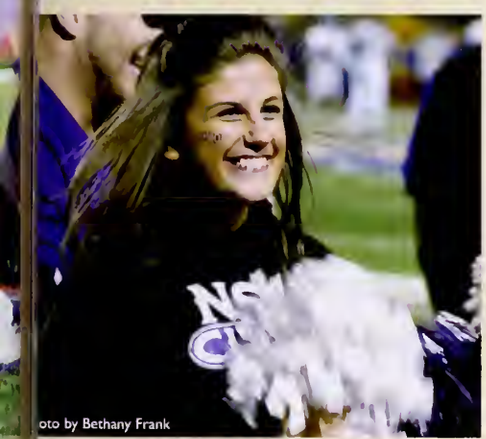


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Bring it

spreading some cheer

Imagine walking out onto the football field with hundreds of pairs of eyes resting on you along with the lights beaming from the stadium. With a smile painted on your face, you make your way to the sidelines with one goal in mind. Whether or not the team loses is not a factor for you. You came to cheer.

The NSU Cheerleaders hit the field every home and selected away games in efforts to help energize the fans and more importantly – boost our Demon football players. They also attend basketball games, athletic events, and alumni functions. Pumping up the crowd with catchy cheers and intricate stunts, the cheerleaders have no problem setting the atmosphere.

"I love it. It's an awesome feeling to be out on the field," Captain Amy Dodson, junior education major, said.

The co-ed squad, complete with 16 members, meets for two hours, four days a week in the Wellness and Recreation Activity Center to keep physically fit for the sport. Cheerleaders learn one routine a week and practice stunts with the help of Dodson and cheer coach Steven Wood. The entire squad puts their heads together to come up with ideas for routines that will keep the crowd going.

"It keeps me pumped up with school spirit and it keeps me involved," Dodson said. "It makes my college experience so much more enjoyable."

The cheerleaders volunteer at schools in the community and surrounding areas to teach cheers, stunts, and appear as a special guest at pep rallies. To stay on top of their main goal, the cheerleaders attend a cheer camp in the summer to discuss new ways to pump up the crowd.

Along with forming a solid bond with other members of the squad and being on the field at games, there's another perk that cheerleaders enjoy. Cheerleaders are awarded with a scholarship for their hard labor each semester.

"It's a great opportunity to earn extra money while staying involved," Kristen Triggs, freshmen general studies major, said.

Ty Johnson





Making the Cut

color guard spins into shape

Eight hours of practice; weeks of grueling work. Six foot long flag poles, sparking outfits. Hot days with the marching band, cold nights on a football field. Rain, Ice, Sleet. These are just a few of the conditions that the color guard endured.

The guard took no prisoners, and did not allow for slacking.

"You get cut if you don't know your stuff," Justina LeJune, junior general studies major and section leader said. "[There's] no playing around; we've stepped up our game."

It was hard, LeJune said, to get all 31 members to look uniform. They also found difficulties in working with the band, but through it all, the flag line prevailed.

It was not all hard work for LeJune, however.

"It was a way for me to be involved and have fun." LeJune continued. "No matter how crappy practice might be, being able to get on the field with th lights on, in front of a big crowd and just being able to work it is the best part. That performance aspect is what it's all about"

The color guard worked to become more than a group of people with poles.

"People think that guard is just spinning a flag. It's not." Jena Elfer, senior culinary arts major said. "We are dancers with equipment."

Elfer said that her years of dance experience truly helped her understand the nuances of color guard.

"It is a must to know how to control your body before picking up the equipment."

Matthew Bernard, sophomore theatre major, said his experience was quite different. Though he was the only male on color guard, he felt a higher sense of accomplishment than pressure.

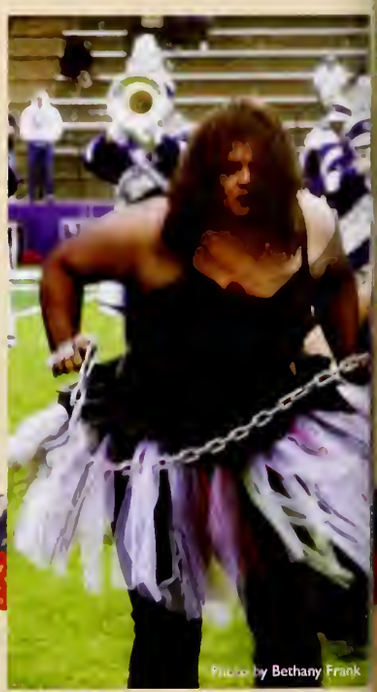
"It's kind of rewarding," Bernard said. "People see that I dare to be different, and it helps to encourage other people to be different, too. I get cooler roles, too. In winter guard, I was the king, for instance."

All in all, the color guard managed to come together, through hard wor and find new friendships through performance.

"We love each other as a family, and we fight with each other, like a family. Bernard concluded. "But, in the end, we've come together and done something amazing."

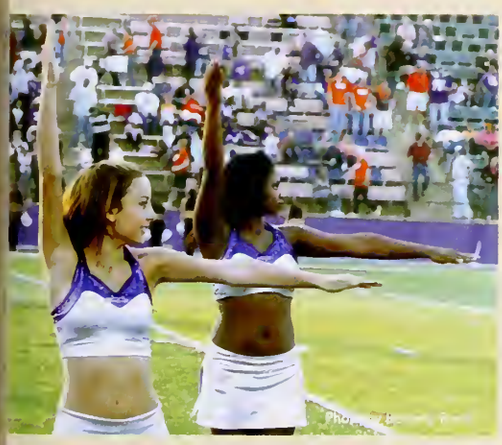
Paul Randall Adam













Dazzle

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Despite the absence of a coach, the 10-member Demon Dazzlers worked together to create dances, routines and, along the way, friendships.

"Not having a coach made things harder on the team, but we came together and worked really well as team," Captain Brittany Root, sophomore journalism major, said.

To prepare for various performances during football and basketball seasons, Miss Lady of the Bracelet, the Christmas Gala and more, the Dazzlers had multiple practices throughout the week where they worked on choreography.

The three captains choreographed the dances the Dazzlers performed, but they accepted and valued the teams' advice and opinions.

"Every single one of the girls' input is appreciated and needed," Root said.

One dance the Dazzlers performed often was at the home football games. The "Horror Show" was a themed performance, which added excitement and fun to the regular half time shows. Each Dazzler wore a costume and played a character in the performance. They also used props to bring the dancing together.

"I think we all liked this the most because we got to make costumes and play a character, like a dead zombie person instead of a Dazzler," Root said. "I loved dancing this show and was sad to see the last football game come."

While practicing, choreographing and dancing, the Dazzlers became closer than just teammates.

"When we're all together it does feel like we have our own little family," Root said.

Taylor Graves



Vic

returning after a year hiatus

As the embodiment of school spirit, Vic the Demon's presence on the sidelines is crucial for both the audience and athletes. His job is to entertain the crowd and coax them into cheering at games, whether it's while he interacts with the crowd or dances with the cheerleaders. The person behind the mask has to be a strong and energetic person, as the costume weighs over 50 lbs.

Last year, Vic was seen only once, during the last home game against McNeese State University. The student who was chosen during the audition had to give up the suit because of an internship. This year, Vic is back once again to cheer on the Demons.

The concept for Vic originated in 1922. In 1984, 62 years later, "The Demon" was given the name Vic, short for "Victory." Both the concept and the name were chosen from contests hosted by the athletic department and open to the students, faculty and staff. Through the years, his look has changed multiple times.

Amanda Duncil

More with less

behind the games

"Athletics is about overcoming adversity," Athletic Director Greg Burke said.

In the midst of statewide budget cuts, the department had to do just that.

The department received an 8.8 percent cut last spring, totaling $800,000 between last spring and this year. The department also received additional cuts throughout the year.

"We will face the music like anyone else," Burke said. "And we have."

Despite the reduced budget and the small administrative staff for a Division I athletic program, they are making great strands in regards to facility enhancement, Burke said.

Using both self-generated funds and student fees, the department worked on restructuring the baseball concession stands, soccer press box, softball ticket booth and press box, and replacing the football field in Turnin Stadium.

Many of the showers and dressing rooms hadn't been updated in 20 to 25 years, Burke said.

"They don't have to be the Taj Mahal, but you want them to be a little nice," he continued.

The department also planned on raising money to update the athletic field house.

"It's a wonderful building," Burke said. "But it is a wonderful 30-year-old building."

In addition to facility enhancement, 80 percent of fees go toward student welfare and student enhancement, such as the training rooms, ensuring the women's teams were housed in hotels instead of motels, scholarships, and equality between both men and women teams.

But at the end of the day, it was about ensuring the athletic department has its "best foot forward."

"Athletic programs are the front porch of a university," Burke said. "There's a sport section on every newspaper. We are front and center in the public eye."

The department recruited students nationwide to participate in not simply the athletic teams, but also in the Spirit of Northwestern, Demon Dazzlers, Cheerleaders and Pom Pon Line.

But internally on a campus, athletics supplied just a little bit more.

"It can provide a source of entertainment, pride, camaraderie, esprit de corps, that can be a real rallying point for a campus," Dr. William Broussard, Associate Athletic Director, said.

Broussard specialized in working with private donors throughout the alumni base and community to financially assist the department. He worked to reach the Demon Victory Fund's, the department's annual fund, goal of $325,000, and an Athletic Association goal of more than $1.5 million. He organized special events such as golf tournaments, scholarship auction, banquets and benefits.

"We are beyond a time in public education where universities will be fully funded," Broussard said.

The department also worked with corporate sponsors and endowments to secure various developments throughout the department.

But at the end of the day, it came down to being creative. The department strived to create programs and promotions that were both cost-effective and engaging to enhance student life.

"A lot of promotions deal with sponsors' desires," Alex Cook, assistant marketing director, said. "So sometimes we have to adjust our wants to meet theirs somewhere in between, but usually we reach a compromise."

The department offered different promotions at games to engage students, such as free items like shirts and food, to different events or activities.

"If we want to continue to be a Division I program, we need to promote more than the game," Cook said. "That's where promotions come in, and without a full marketing staff, I've been the guy to make that happen."

But to ensure the typical environment found at games, the department needed to knock on more doors, Cook said.

"We cannot simply hope to tread water until the global economic decline ends because we cannot predict the pace at which the economy will improve or the length of time it will take," Broussard said. "Coaches and student-athletes deserve our very best collective efforts right now, and that is what we are committed to."

Bethany Frank

Academic All-Conference

award-winning athletes

Being in college is hard enough as it is, much less when you have to juggle classes, homework and extracurricular activities, but try throwing in practice, travel time and actual games that mean something.

There have been several student-athletes that have been selected for the honor of being on the all SLC All-Academic team, and some have made it far enough as to be honored as a nominee for the NCAA All-Academic team.

There were six nominees for the NCAA All-American team, all of which were on the football team: Defensive End Scott Wattigny (3.47 GPA, senior history major), Fullback Quinten Goodie (3.52 GPA, senior computer information systems major), Quarterback John Hundley (3.54 GPA, senior business administration major), Offensive Lineman Zach Case (3.49, sophomore health and exercise science major), Tight End Justin Aldredge (3.90, sophomore accounting major), and Cornerback Phillip LeBlanc (3.32, sophomore business administration major).

Players from the softball, tennis, baseball and both men's and women's basketball teams have also been named to the all SLC All-Academic team.

Cary Bruno, Amanda Jameson and Ainsley Pellerin were voted to the 22-woman roster of SLC Academic All-Conference Players in softball. Bruno, who graduated cum laude with a business administration degree in May, carried a 3.52 GPA and led the Lady Demons with a .245 batting average. Jameson graduated this summer with magna cum laude recognition for her 3.75 GPA in health and exercise science. Pellerin has a 3.87 GPA in business administration after her junior season.

Sophomores Adna Curukovic, Kathrin Lange and Bianca Schulz, all with 3.8 GPAs, were selected to the SLC Academic All-Conference team for tennis. Lange, business administration major, and Schulz, hospitality and tourism management major, each had 3.94 cumulative GPAs through two seasons, while Curukovic had a 3.83 in biology.

"We are really excited about how well they have performed [Lange, Curukovic and Schulz]," Head Tennis Coach Patric DuBois said. "You can't really ask for any more than what those girls are giving us."

Not only did they make the academic teams but all three were also selected to the SLC All-Conference team for their play on the tennis court.

"It's really a great honor to be selected," Schulz said. "I'm just glad that I can actually handle all of it. I can't lie, sometimes it's hard to juggle it all, but I get it done and that's the main thing."

Jordan Nipp, Justin O'Neal and Joe Urtuzuastegui were voted to the 24-man 2009 Capital One Bank/Southland Conference All-Academic Baseball Team.

Nipp, a member of the CoSIDA/ESPN the Magazine Academic All-District VI team, was a repeat selection for academic all-conference and earned first-team honors after earning a 3.97 GPA in biology.

O'Neal earned second-team honors after earning a 3.10 GPA in business administration. While Urtuzuastegui also earned second team honors after he posted a 3.00 GPA in general studies.

Guards Brooke Shepherd and Lyndzee Greene, from the Lady Demons basketball team, were named to the 2008-09 Capital One Bank/Southland Conference Women's Basketball All-Academic Teams. Along with them from the Demon Basketball team were brothers Logan and Michael McConathy and Senior Forward Deividas Petravicius.

"We are really excited about all the student athletes that have prospered in the classroom," Athletic Director Greg Burke said. "It shows that our school is not only concerned with winning and performing on the field, but also that the classroom is the most important aspect of being a student athlete."

Andy Bullard



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Demon Football



Scott Wattigny
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Justin Aldredge
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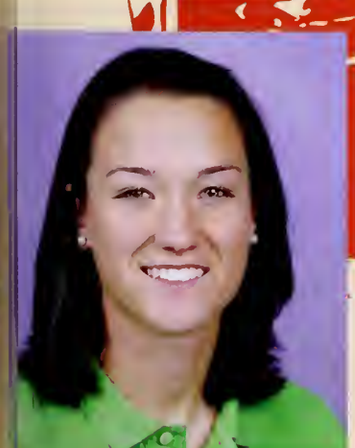
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Nip Here, Tuck There

Turpin received million-dollar face lift

It is amazing what purple, orange and white can do to a football field. But if you passed by Turpin Stadium, home of Northwestern State football, you will see more than a field with a fresh coat of paint.

You will see an entirely new state of the art football field that was installed last summer.

"It looks fantastic. You don't have to be a Demon to have that reaction," Athletic Director Greg Burke said. "The field is as eye-catching as any in the country thanks to a great design using our school colors, logos and the alternating shades of green turf every five yards in the playing field. The purple end zones with the word 'Demons' in our unique Demon font are perfect bookends to the overall design."

The turf renovation project came in the midst of NSU's biggest budget crises. More than $700,000 was cut from the athletic department's budget, three-fourths of the University janitorial staff was cut, yet the school was able to install a $1 million dollar artificial turf field.

"The funding for the new turf came from appropriations from the State of Louisiana," Associate Athletic Director William Broussard said. "Representatives from the athletic department and the university lobbied dutifully for many months to earn this appropriation."

Broussard also added that there is a pervasive misconception that departments across campus have been defunded in order to prop up the athletic department.

"Not one dollar of this project was provided from university capital outlay/capital expenditure," Broussard said.

Burke explained that all projects including the scoreboard and fencing projects are all self generated, not using university funds.

Broussard added that the $1 million project was also supported by funds privately attained through the Northwestern State University Athletic Association, a non-profit organization of which he is the Executive Director.

The City of Natchitoches was also a big part in the university receiving funding for the turf project

"The $1 million project also might not have been possible without the help of former Rep. Taylor Townsend and Rep. Gerald Long," Burke said. "Rep. Townsend got the ball rolling for the turf project and Rep. Long got the project to the finish line."

The turf project, which many people believe came into being because of the hiring of Coach Peveto, had been in the making for a couple of years. The lifespan of turf is three to seven years and the old field was nearing its end.

Turpin Stadium

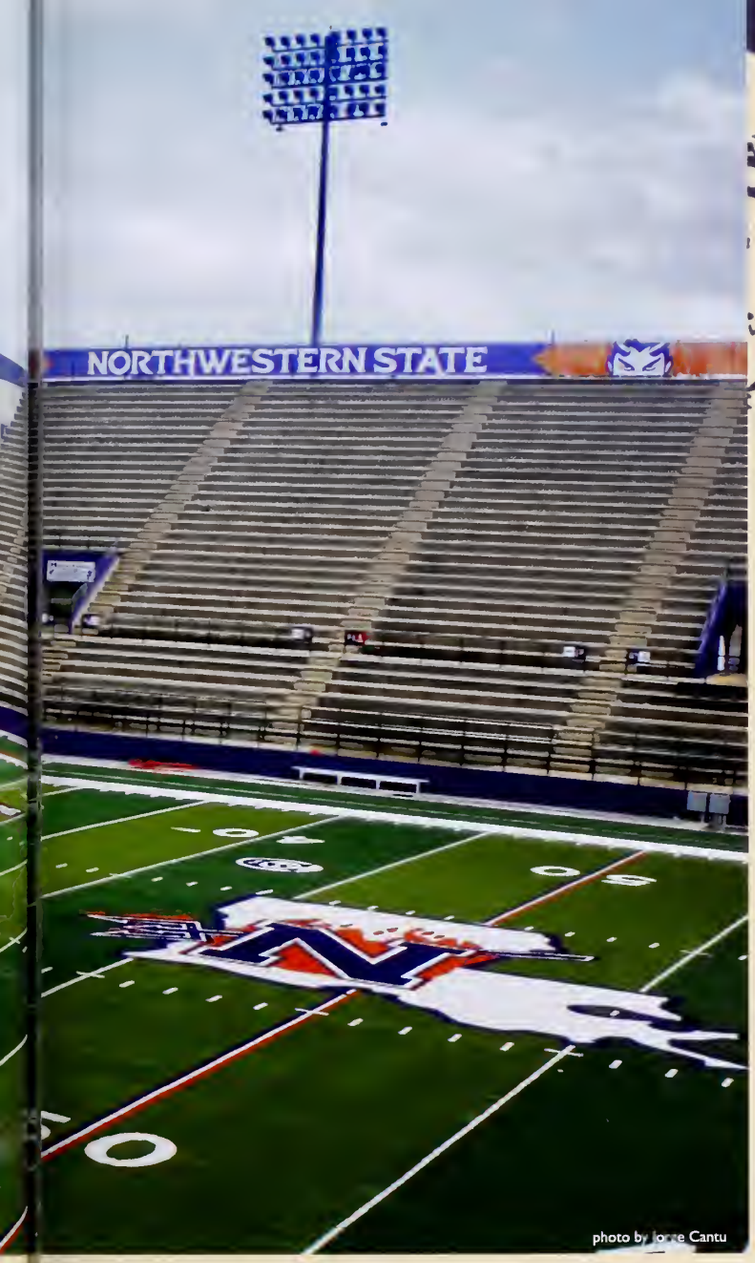


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"Turf fields are not permanent investments," Broussard said. We also needed to reconstruct the field (removing the crown) and improve drainage to improve the lifespan of the installation and make it a better investment."

Burke explained that an old field is hazardous for the players that use it and that the athletic department is responsible for the safety of the athletes.

Burke added that the field is not just for football. "It's a marketing tool for the whole university."

"Turpin Stadium is a facility that is important not only to Northwestern State University, but to the City of Natchitoches and the surrounding area because of the many and varied ways it serves so many people," Burke said.

The stadium is home to two high schools and is also used for band competition and intramural activities.

For Burke, the new field for Turpin Stadium is another way for the athletic department to support the mission of NSU and specifically bring students to the campus.

Opposite page: Turpin Stadium as it stands today.
Top: Turpin Stadium in the middle of the demolition process.
Middle: Construction workers adding the five yard line on the Turpin stadium field.
Bottom: Turpin Stadium nearing the end of its renovation process



PEOPLE

Editors' note

The student quotes were collected during Fall Fee Payment. They have been edited for basic grammar and language. Some quotes are not students' original words.

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Natasha Anderson
Taylor Anderson
Zachary Anderson
Alix Andres

Brett Andrews
Ariel Angelle
Amanda Angers
Courtnee Anthony
James Anthony
Danielle Antoon
Monique Arceneaux



"Do what makes you happy and believe in the wisdom of your heart." Kendra Williams

"I don't understand how they got this COB Rules. What is the purpose of classes being proctored; us students might as well attend classes in class." Kedrick Kennedy

"I got my toes in the water, ass in the sand." – Joey Norton

"Carpe Diem! Seize the day! Mak every opportunity count and neve miss an opportunity to be wit friends." Kyle Ma

"Class of 2013 in here...lol" Courtney Meloyer

"Well behaved women never make history.– Marilyn Monroe" – Dustie Jo Rambin

"Go to school, get money, and 'f' everything else." – Eugene Tyler

"Whatever you do, always work hard + PLAY HARDER!" – Nicky Morris

"We come to love not by finding a perfect person, but by finding an imperfect person, perfectly." – Nicole Bayles

"Always believe in you self." Cheron Pennywe



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Amanda Barber
Stacey Barber
Paige Barbo
Susan Barden
Sherrod Bardin
Sylvia Bardin

Can't wait to graduate. Here we come, me and bestie Traci." – Whitney Coleman

Boom!!! Roasted!!!" – Matthew F.L. English

"NSU Archaeology rocks!" – Joseph Evans

"Knowledge is Power. – Albert Einstein" – Jose F. Hernandez

"In the words of Morrell Broussard, 'Don't cheat yourself, treat yourself.'" – Erianne Guidry

"That car just disa–f***in–peared!" – Kimberly Greenwell

"Faith is the substance of things hoped for the evidence of things not seen– Hebrews" – Stephanie Montgomery

"Find out who you are...and do it on purpose. – Dolly Parton"– Raynie Chauvin

Imagine all the people living ...e in peace..." – Jolin Lemmon

"My last year, Baby!!!" – Haven Barnes

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Fernando Barrow

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Colby Bell

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Susannah Bellon
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Tefanie Below
Laila Benjamin
Jeslyn Bennett
Patrick Bennett



"If we're given the same opportunities and I achieve more, I receive more, I fly higher and I dig deeper, then I'm not saying I'm better than you. You are!!!" –Taronika Meeks

"NSU Theater Kick IT!!!" – James Fairclot

"I came, I saw, I gradnated...so long suckers!" – Thomas Parrie

"XC is SEXY!" – Chris Lanier

"Live each day to the fullest." – Esther Sowell

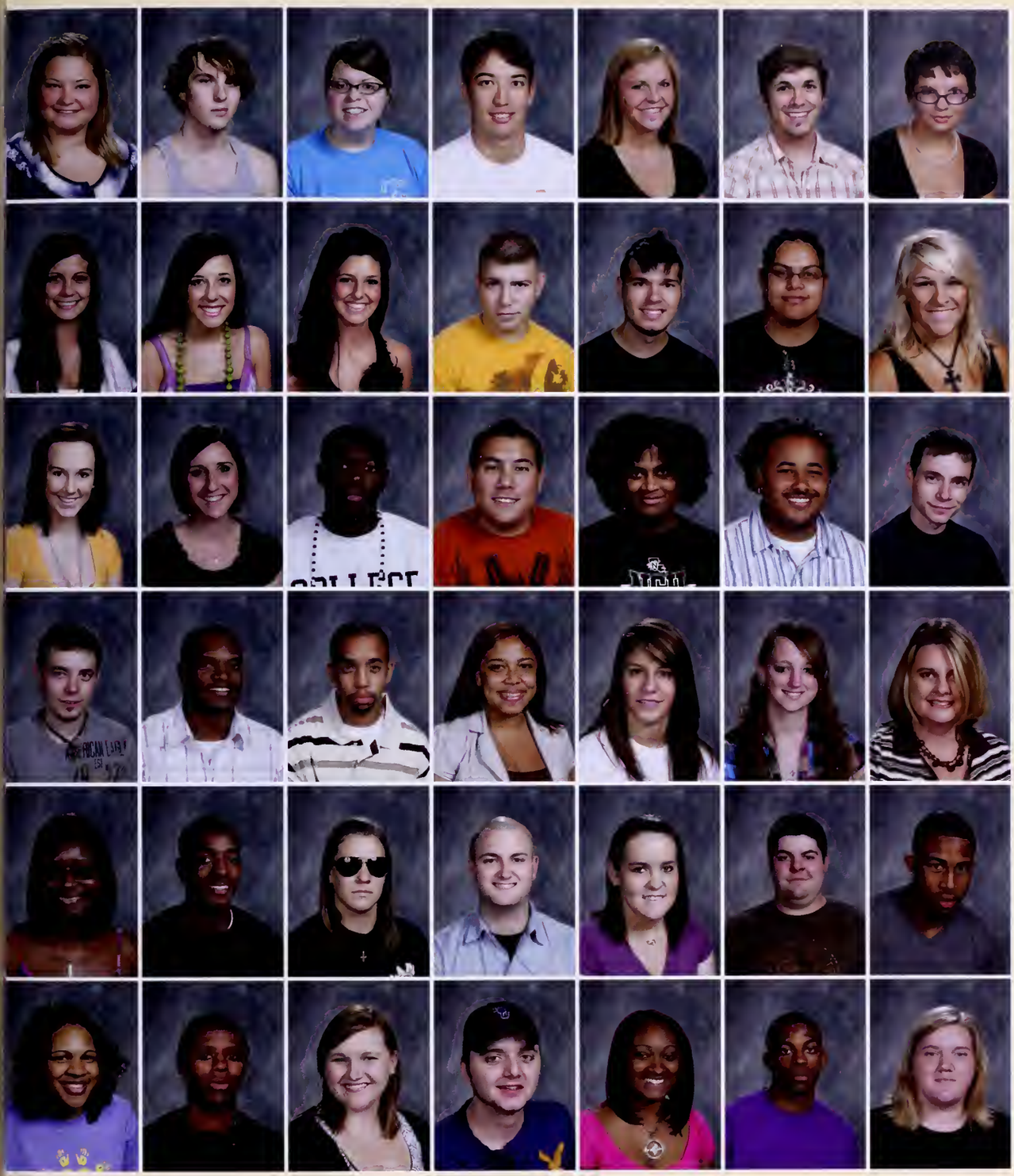
"NADSLAPS!" – Corey Joachim

"Don't go and CB yourself." – Nathan Glassy

"Everyone have a great year at NSU home of the Demons!" Taylor Brown

"The point of living and of being an optimist is to believe that the best is yet to come. Peter Vsiinov" – Carrin Mills

"Rose and white forever! I love my Phi Mu sisters!" – Robin Cooke



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Ryan Bonnet
Nikki Bonton
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Katy Books

The free man will neither ask what his ountry will do for him nor what he can o for his country." –Tyler Williams

"There are no lumb ques- ions. Just lumb people." -Robert Burks

"Wow, the moon is bright tonight. Oh wait, that's the Burger King sign." –Devin Harrison

"I'm a PC, and I eat toes." –Kim Jenkins

"And in the end, the love you make is equal to the love you take." –Taneisha Satcher

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of all wisdom." –Elizabeth Williamson

"Yahtzee!" –Joshua James Citizen

"I can't stand rude behavior in a man; won't tolerate it." –Dave Smith

"I'll be right back guys, I have to take a major poop." –Spencer L. Sepulvado

"What would life be if we didn't have the courage to try?" –Andy Bullard

"Can't wait to graduate & leave NSU." <3 Brittany Bouldin

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Nicholas Breaux



"Be willing to search for the greatness within you. We all possess the ability to achieve; sometimes you have to dig deeper than others. You decide if you succeed or fail."
– La'Krystal Johnson

"Hey, Mom, I finally made it!!" – Rosalind Holden

"Ooooo, yea, Mr. Perfect."
– DeAngelis Burnette

"OMG! First day at NSU. FRESHMEAT NOW! WOO!" – Joyce Cummings

"Finally a senior! Ready to get ou of Natchitoches!" – Roxanne Boyc

"Don't ask permission, just ask forgiveness."
– Kevin Robertson

"Salta Salta Colita de rana!"
–Stanle Rolon

"I *** hate all of you"
– Eli Ibanga

"Hi, me!! Remember when you used to only have to spend $3.00 on gas?!" – Michael Del

"Yay, yay <3 the Demons"
– Shannon Byrd



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Shalecia Brown
Taylor Brown

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Kevin Bruce
Laura Bruce
Kevin Brueckner

"Superman doesn't wear a seatbelt. (by Thomas Wilson)" – Jason Adams

"Very well, then!" – Marissa Copeland

"That's what's up." –Giquan Garrett

"I love NSU and Sigma Sigma Sigma. Go Demons." – Danielle Antoon

"Speed demon! Spee-din' down the highway; gotta have it my way!" – Jessica Bumpus

"Be a science major!" – Jacob Deniakos

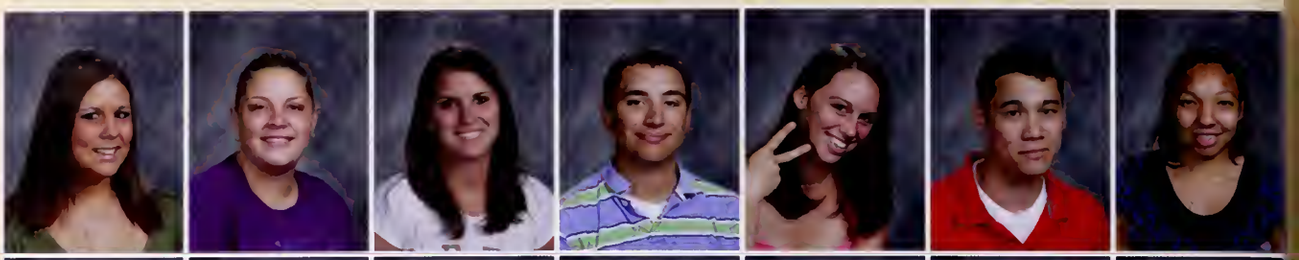
I gotcha b**** mane!! – Jeremy Guy

"Be brave in love, life and thai food restaurants. <3" Danisa George

"Anarchy 4 Lyf!" – Peyton Boozer

"I freakin' love my awesome stand partner, Paul!" – Heather Jacobson

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Talara Byers
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Cecil Byrd
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Shannon Byrd
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Destin Cacioppo



"Me and Heather Hopkins are going to workout at 6:30 every morning!!" – Megan Atwood

"Frisbee; the reason I wake up in the morning!" – Timothy Mitchell

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path. Proverbs 3:5-6" – Kimberly Rollins

"Too loose!" – Dezira Henry

"I'm outta here!!! But I'm still a Demon!!" – Greg Hall

"Whoop, whoop!!" – Genica Handy!

"Hakuna Matata... It means no worries." – Brittany Jeanice

"QUEEN CRISPY was here" – Kinetta Crisp

"When in Rome! (Ron Burgundy)" Wade Matthews

"I love college!" – BreAuan Case



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Monique Chachere
Clarence Chandler
Katelyn Chandler
Teandra Chandler
Stephanie Charles

"The grass is green. The trees are brown. At Northwestern, You'll never frown." Matt Lanier

"You're never too old to get an education." –Khristy Ellis

"Beliefs are like a blanket made with many threads of facts, myths and ideas. Without many to weave into each other, how can your blanket ever be complete?" – Eva Wilson

"I'll be glad to be done with this place. I don't need a quote to commemorate it." –Sara Sterling

"The memories you have can either make you stranger or hold ou back. You can only decide." Michael Williams

"Sometimes it's okay to do it twice." –Ryan Sickel

"God first!" – Jasmine Weeks

"MAHR is the BEST!" – Rodney Meziere

"The Saints suck!" – Michael Tiffany

"That's a million dollar smile, huh??? LMAO HARD" – Justin Wheat

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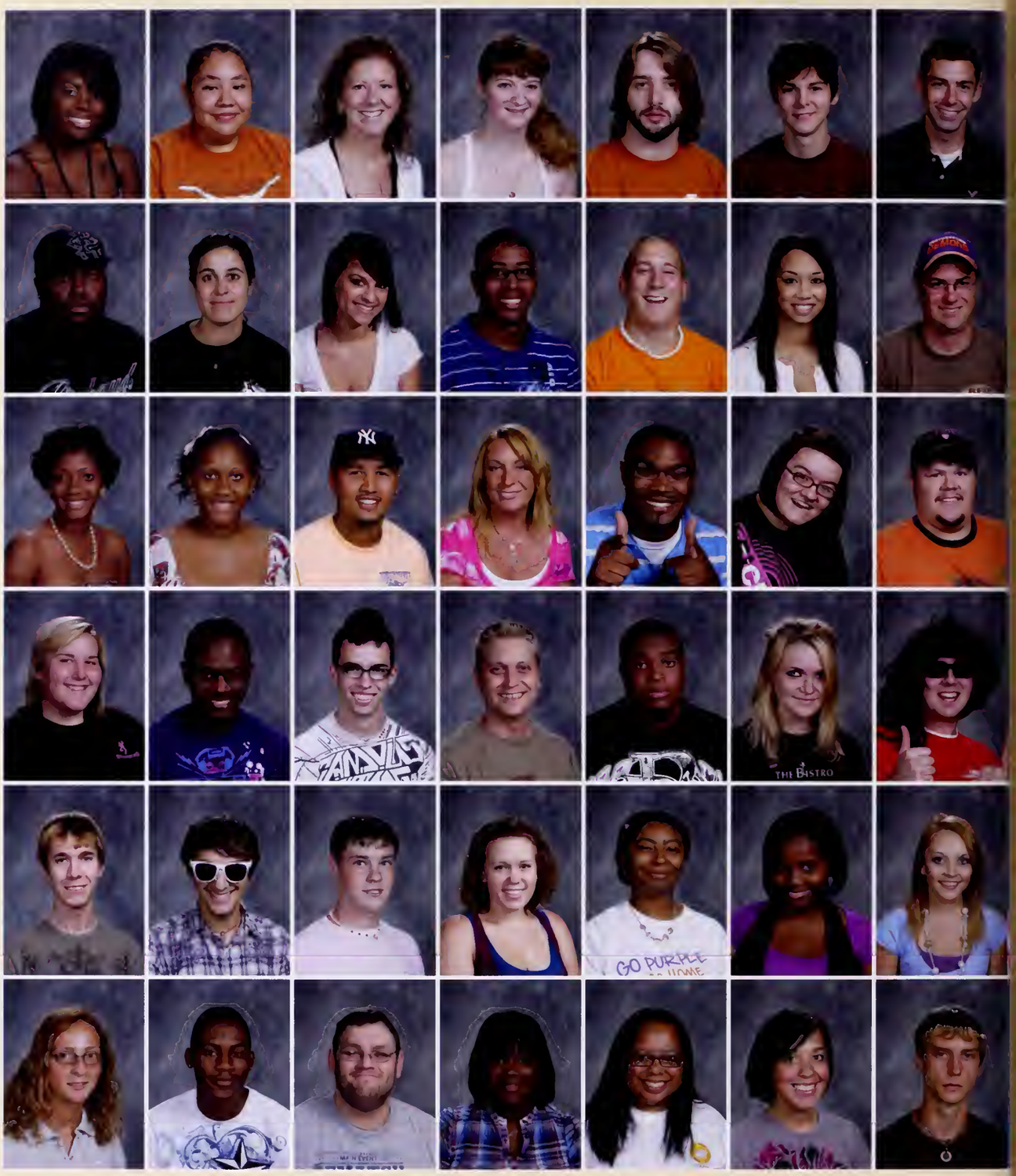
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Stephanie Colunga
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"The impossible was accomplished by a people too stupid to know it's impossible." -Lauren McKinley

"The world is our canvas and our minds are the paint. What will you paint?" – Meghan Mikesh

"Don't drink and derive." -Julian Anderson

"The only people who have problems with money are those who don't have it." -William Bearden

"Pardon me, sir, but unless you can provide photographic representation of volupthons mammary glands, I suggest you remove yourself like a gentleman." -Michael L. Stephenson

"Romans 8:28" -Abigail M Hennigan

"Eating is the best part of college." -Keyera D. Thomas

"Alpha Phi Alpha; the phirs black Greek fraternity -Diante Turne

"Ars longa, vita brevis." -Kimberly Kornahrens

"Live, langh, learn." -Ja'Lissa Bourgeois



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Megan Cullen
Luke Cummings
Bolton Curry
Christina Curtis

God is great, beer is
ood, and people are
azy." –Braylon Ash

I will be the starting
uarterback for NSU."
Donald Young, Jr.

Been there, rocked that."
Breleisha Gilbert

"When I grow up I want to be a DINOSAUR!" –Edward T. Smith

"Love the lord, your God, with all your heart, soul, strength and soul." –Elizabeth McLellan

"I love photography!" –Neeg Wilder

"Like a boss." –Kayla Fincher

"Big Dick, the Musical." –Brian Foster

"Love is the answer." –Katelyn Chandler

"I'm tall, dark and handsome!" – Reginald Douglas

Glen Daigle
Troy Daigle
Kristen Daisy
Stephanie Dale
Shelita Dalton
Jennifer Daniel
Markeya Daniel

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Michael Davis
Quincy Davison
Chelsea Dean

Emily Dean
Eric Deblanc
Micheal Dees
Ashley Degray
James Delacerda
Ashley Delarosa
Joshua Delaughter



"Graduation bound! Suck on that freshmen! HAA-HAA!" – Lanetta Green

"I'm a liar!" – Devin Blair

"Woah, the hostility." –Erin Hoopingarner

"I love Megan At- wood; she is the bes roommate ever!" – Heather Hopkin

"God is the answer" – Cherlyndria Wyatt

"Andy Bullard Rocks!" – Erin Fontenot

"I'm the real pink ranger!" –Ashley Tullos

"NSU has all nic people; you never mee anyone that isn't willin to help." –Kenzi Lac

"Nothing lasts forever, so take every day one step at a time." –La Chandius White

"Don't let me miss heaven shooting for the stars." –Markita Hamilton



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esus said, 'Know
hat is within your
ght, and what is hid-
n from you will be-
me clear. For there
nothing hidden that
ll not be revealed.'"
Klayton Valega

"Is there any tread left on those tires, or is it like throwing a hot dog down a hallway? –to all the freshmen girls" –Brandon Ray

"I can't be bothered."
–Charniece C. Scott

Strike hard; strike fast; no mercy.
–Carlton Littleton

"And I'm out this mutha!!!"
–Evonne Williams

"Living without friends and family is like eating fat-free fudge. It goes right through you and you never enjoy it." –Mason "Optionz" Kyle

Don't f*** up!!!
–Melvin Edgar

"My tattoo fights crime!"
–Jason Floyd

"Procrastination is the greatest labor saving invention of all time!" –Jorge Cantu

"Don't drink and derive."
–Meaghan Foucheux

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Yaser Elqutub
Laura Elston
Jamie Emery
Sarah Emory
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Krysta Engel
Ashlee England



"You're not a leader if no one is following; you're just out taking a long walk." –Lewej Whitelow

"Death is not a runner." – Davey Havok

"Take chance and follow your heart; you never know how absolutely perfect something will turn out to be." –Rebecca Moore

"Emily Deen is awesome!" –Eric DeBlanc

"It's my life, don't judge me." –Joe Hamilton

"Yuam Ent." – James Cleveland

"Live laugh love!" –Jalanda Hinton

"Fee payment is deadly." –Carderius Johnson

"Don't let anyone tell you can't do something. If you want something, go get it. Period!!" –Brion James

"OMG I so lov NSU – Tyick Charle



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Andrea Finimore
Jackie Fink
Herbert Fisher
Joshua Fisher
Sikilya Flanigan
Taylor Fleming

"Pop pop! Get loose." –Jimmy Izzle Callais

"Love hard in everything you do." –Courtney Carr

"I'm 'BULLDOG' I do what I want..." –Ryan Bullock

"High notes make babies." –Stephanie Wright

"Discussion does more good than anything." –Juliette Gray

"No comment." –Si Tucker

"Paul Adams rocks!" –LeeAnn Riley

"For the WIN!" –Maureen Hunt

"Dum spiro, spero. While I breathe, I hope." –Sarah Spain

"One day people will look back and say I gave birth to the twentieth century. –Jack the Ripper, 1888" –Brad Dison

Julie Fletcher
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Simone Freeman
Ruth Fruge
Trenise Fulford
Dewaskie Fuller



"Be the change you wish to see in the world!" –Kyle Domangue

"God is the only way" – Kimberly Williams

"What's up with the tacky parking stickers?" – Colby Lasgone

"Can't wait for it to be over. Sad when it's down oh well that's life!" – Kristie Churchill

"GO GREEK or GO HOME!" – Amy Fox

"Go Demons!" – Brian Loe

"This is what I wrote for th editors to put in the year book." – Kevin Merk

"Megan and Elizabeth, wish you were here!" – Elizabeth Robichaux

"Peace, Love and Twilight." – Emily Mayeux

"We the Best.com." – Jonathan Guyton



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Ryan Gentry
Danisa George
Ryan George
Terrance George
Trinity George

Michael Germain
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Dionysia Glasper
Jessica Glaspie

"Be ye strong and very coura-
geous, for the Lord your God
is with you where ever you go."
– Joshua – Mary Squyres

"I was a young Troubadour!" – Daniel Brister

"I'm a PC and I like Football.
Mmm... Doo Doo." –Virginia Jarvis

"We don't have a choice on how much time we are given here, the only choice we have is what to do with the time we are given." –Ashley Giddings

"God bless" – Bridgette Greer

"I love Sarah Cramer!" – Van Erikson

"Keep it real 24/7/365"
– Jeremy Larry

"We can do all thing thru God!" – Stormie Reeves

"Keep it 100 for the ones that fake." – Ernest Jones

"If you don't like you never have to remember anything (Mark Twain)." –Aimee Duraso

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Kimberly Greenwell

Bridgette Greer
Cady Gregory
Molly Gribble
Dejon Griffin
Gregory Griffin
Derek Griffon
Kelee Grimes



"What's understood doesn't need to be explained."
–Carolyn Jolivette

"WE THE BEST!"
– Hasim Jones

"I love Green Beef." –
Chassidy Bayone

"Where Dey Do Dat A
– Breyon McConn

"Love...Live...Life...NSU" – Al Smith

"Life is too important to be taken seriously (Oscar Wilde)"
–Lacey Brewer

"Just because you can't change everything doesn't mean you can't change anything."
–Taylor Orgeron

"Jeremiah 29:11 – You are my strength, oh Lord, to You be ALL glory!"
– Ron'Ecka Hill

"Always two steps ahead!!"
–Paige Caldwell

"Direction
not intention
determines ou
destination
– Evan Kor



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Randi Hamner
Arkeia Hampton
Brittney Hamson
Michael Hanchey
Carline Handy
Genica Handy

You can do all things through hrist who strengthens you. I now; I've tried!" –Micah Sasser

"If you fall, just pick yourself up and begin again." –Mi'que LaCaze

"No matter how many schools you go to or how many books you read... you are never really wise until you start making wise choices." – Ora Mouriz

When life gives you lemons you ake beef stew." –Tenseae' Alexander

"Do what you want, say what you feel because those who mind don't matter, and those who matter don't mind. (Dr. Suess)" – Nicole Rung

"Pizza." – Jeremy Jones

"Finally, freedom; NSU, I'm lovin' it" – Victoria Edwards

"Lovin' my freshman year here at NSU" – Ricky McNeal

"There isn't a limit to what you can achieve; just DREAM BIG!" – Monique Chachere

"Thank God" – Dominick Hall

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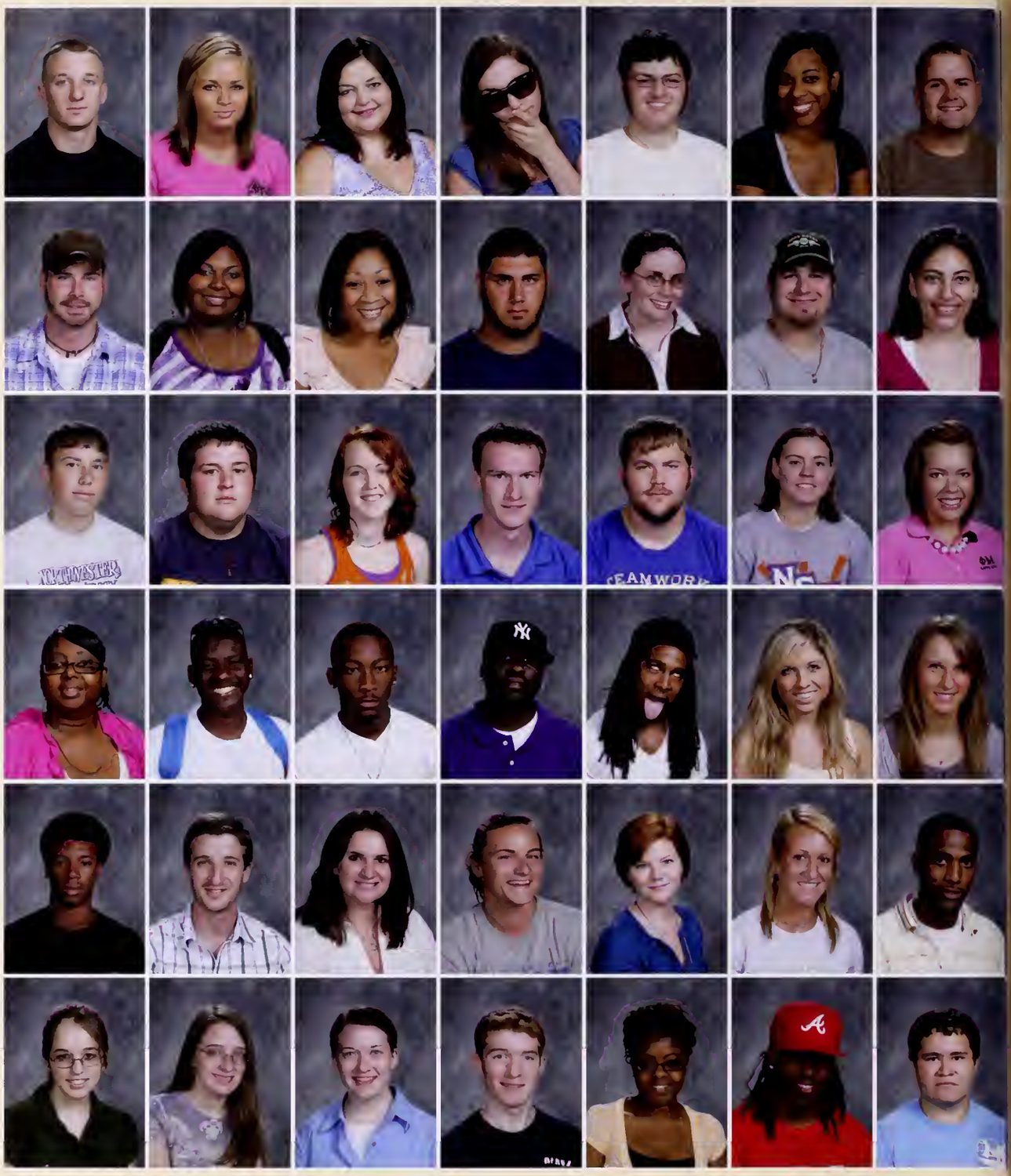
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Chelsea Hendrix
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Zechariah Hennigan
Dezira Henry
Rickey Henry
Jose Hernandez



"I Love Being Paid..." – Bryan Williams

"Vita Brevis, Ars Longa" –Sarah Hunt

"The best thing about me is you, real love last!" – Jasmine Washington

"There's stil... time to change... the road you're... on." –Jonathan Bordelon

"Everyone has a fire in their heart, it is our job to find it and keep it lit." – Dana Hart

"Live life with no regrets." – Kayla Bryant

"AOII!" – Chelsea Giles

"Respect your roots '1906'" –Marcus Sanders

"Life is Good" –Amy Dodson

"Charm is deceptive and beauty is fleeting, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised." (Proverbs 31:30) Kendra A. Jackson



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"Love, honor, truth and fun! That's what makes us #1! Phi Mu!" –Megan Rabalais

Live for today.
omorrow is
ever guaran-
eed." –Kacey
R. Buckner

Be strong, hold on
nd do it!"
Marquita Calvin

"Put God first and trust that He will be with you through all the good and bad times." – Joe Waller

"Be a first rate version of yourself instead of a second rate version of someone else!" –Princess Wilfred

"I love Julie Fletcher!" – Megan Berthelot

"Yes Sirrrrr." –DaMario Brown

"Do not touch the trim!!"
– Christopher Brown

"You only live once and you are only this age once... have fun while you're at it."
–Mae-Mae Pierce

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart as working for the Lord, not men." – Meredith Graf

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"This is my last semester Yes Yes!!!" – Keva Carr

"If you're not gonna do your best, why bother." –Jessica Glaspie

"Who you wit?...ICE!" – Waylon Metoyer

"Dying to Live." – Kim Williams

"I drop my money on the floor." – Jeremy Evans

"I can do all things through Christ, which strengthens me." –LaTonja Crittendon

"Live life with no regrets, just lessons learned." –Blake Allens

"Cruising down laid-back avenue... FEEL ME!!" –Merrell Bolden

"Out the gate!!" – Charles Brown

"To receive much you must give much" – Mary McCowe



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"It's been a long time coming..." – Eric Charles Howard

There's no doubt bout it, I'm better than you."
–Jimmie Walker

"Music is Magic."
–Lacey DeMoss

"For Pony!"
–Desiree Chartier

"Be the best, accept no less, and live with pride!"
–Kendall Franklin

"If you ain't first you last."
–Nicolas Carr

"Get the truth and sell it not – wisdom, instruction, and understanding. Pv 23:23"
–Brandon Legnion

"Chicken is the BEST!!!"
–Tiwan Glover

"When you are at your lowest, don't give up because God will be there."
–Jamie Mayberry

"Go Paul!!!" –Troy Moses

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Whytley Jones
Zechariah Jones

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Jamiee Jordan
John Jordan
Joseph Jordan
Laken Jordan
Mary Jordan

"Life isn't about finding yourself...it's about creating yourself." – Rachel Jackson

"Keep your friends close and your enemies closer." – Matthew Dodson

"I don't keep up with the Jones... am the Jones!" – David Lattin

"You my Boy Bleu!" – Christopher Bleu Marceaz

"Work hard, love hard and enjoy your life because it is short." – Shardai Adesola

"I love Megan Berthelot" – Julie Fletcher

"You can do all things through Christ Jesus." –April Spotsville

"Finally!!!" – Chris Collins

"I love you Geeyka." –Cory Taylor

"What it is homie?" –Chester Branch



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"The best revenge is success!" - Jeremy Murray

"There is no substitute for hard work." – Cord Larsen

"Phil 4:13" – Lauren Roppolo

"Go E Diddy!! You Rock!" –Isaac Bryant

"I love Adam!" – Laura Elston

"Don't live with regrets." – Milan Moore

"Everything I do is for my mother. Rest in peace." –Brandy Beavers

"Back again!" – Stephen Norwood

"Life is what you make it, so make it right." –Tashina Pierite

"And you think I care." – Serena Holliday

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Laramie Lemon



"Life is what you make of it, so make it GOOD!" – Kellie Lewis

"With all thy getting, get an understanding." –Nykeyia Taylor

"Don't wait as long as me to go to school." –William Rachal

"Be successful." – Choicelaun McClinton

"Do it Big!" –Zechariah Hennigan

"Blessed and Highly Favored!" – Ashley Williams

"Follow your heart." – Lacy Williams

"Sheeola loves D.J." –Sheeola Johnson

"Music is everything." –Trevor Bailey

"Love The Lord" – Reginald Toomer



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That's fantastic!" –Glen Daigle

"Everything happens for a reason." –Emily Stelly

"I love the owers on the TRACK TEAM and CANES." –Chantel Bratton

"Beautiful" –Genevoylyn Ceasar

"Set the goal higher so you can challenge yourself." – Corey Ford

"A moment will pass, but a movement will last." –Darius Williams

"Accept the things you can't change." –Brittany Young

"You ROCK, Larry Ross." –Trenton Reed

"I want it all, that's why I strive for it!" –Andre' Nikka D.L. Wright

"You are not what you are called. You are what you answer to." –Teyanna Pierite

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Patience Mattes
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Quinnin Matthews

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Solomon Matthews
Tracy Matthews
William Maxey
Raven Maxile
Imani May
Kyle May



"You don't have to know everything but where to find the answer." –Amanda Paul

"Keep your eyes to the sky and you will never see the shadows!"–Elmer Montgomery

"Through Jesus Christ you can get anything done just believe." –Tarnesha Hamilton

"I need more money mom! Love, Lizard" –Kody McGuire

"Can't sleep...clowns will eat me."–Taylor Norton

"I look forward to coming back in the future and seeing NSU even better than now. Go Demons!"–Paul Shelton

"Bassoon babies" –Niki Pierce

"Don't make excuses, make corrections"–Sam Starr Kenneth T.

"That's Fantastic!" –Jennifer Hooper

"He who has a way to live for can bear almost any how.–Friedrich Nietzche"–Katie A. Myers



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Katherine McKoin
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Elizabeth McLellan

"Life can only be lived forward, but understood backwards."—Shaval Stewart

"I Lost" – Austin Burns

"Don't worry your life away. Enjoy it! Peace." – Baylen Johnson

"Our destiny is not written for us, but by us." –Armand Richardson

"Always shoot for the moon because even if you miss, you will still land among the stars"—Justin Spaethe

"Viva la revolucion del proletareado!" – Brendan Carrell

"My advice is to stay close to God and always be yourself." – Brandi Felton

"College just wouldn't be the same without financial aid trying to screw you over." –Joshua Midkiff

"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is mystery."—Jose Llanito

"Thanks mommy! I love you!" –Traci "PC" Miller

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"Fat kids are harder to kidnap!" – Marcus Gary

"Stand By Me (God)" – Kakendra Logwood

"I am somebody." – Erikia Breda

"1962" – Jasmine Joseph

"Haters...Lovers...Regard less, you should always l you!" – Arielle B. Craig

"Ambitions, Focused & Determined is the way to be." – Candi Dupree

"Know yourself." – Emily Dauzat

"I'm the chick ya'll love to hate." – Dongelle Drexier

"To give less than your best is to sacrifice the gift." – Pre – Nash Crandell

"Live, Love, & Laugh. God is love, and Jesus is the ONLY way!" – Keith Craig

"I like hot pockets lol – Tyra Holme



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Yay for my ankle injury!" Jessica "Nikki" Savell

"The best way to look at someone is not to look because if you look at them the entire time they're going to be on their best behavior." Michael Erin

"I wanna hold your hand...Kenah, Texas July 2009" – Marissa Sonnier

"These have been the best days of my life..." – Joanna Wiggins

"The love of God conquers all." – Sabrina Washington

"Word. Ooo Ooooo!!" – Stephen Lawson

"NSU has been a great experience for me. GO SENIORS 2010." – Brittany Manuel

"Don't have regrets because at some point in time it was exactly what you wanted." – Amanda Duncil

"I'm the best. Believe it" Casala Slaughter

"Education is the key to success." – Dominique Thompson

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Cody Olsen
Dasha Orebeaux
Taylor Orgeron



"It's impossible to do everything people want you to do; you just have enough time to do God's will." – Brittany Roberts

"I never thought that college would be so fun, the people are extremely nice and I love it. I can't wait to see how far I will go." – Rynika Polk

"Life is good and it go better all t time!" – Britt Mendo

"Everything good in life is either illegal, immoral or fattening." – Chanel Savoie

"Go to class or you're an epic failure." – Jon M. Crophen, Ph.D.

"I can't wait to graduate!!!" – Jamie "J. Mc" Warrick

"Kiss My Ass!" – Patience Matt

"Live and Love like there's no tomorrow. – Tiffany Ann" – Marie Thomas

"HE>I" – Luke Teutsch

"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, but today is a gift, that's why it's called the Present." – Gabriel Smith



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Promises are
etter left unsaid."
Carley McCord

"Life isn't a box of chocolates. It's more like a Jar of Jalapenos, what you do today might burn you tomorrow." – Kris Daisy

"My Shortpants."
– Kyle David Clay

"Link it up.
We're All In.
NSU Football."
– Joshua Daniels

"Live your life,
STAY OUT OF
MINE! Love you."
– Kierra Woodard

"I'm gonna haveta
pass." – Scott Bass

"I just lost the game!"
– Fletcher Jonson

"Nince es tarde para lograr lo que te propones. Me siento orgullosa de ser Honduena y ser parte de NSU. Gracias a dios y ani tanilia por todo."
– Jenny Ramos

eace, Love, Glitter & Tie-dye!"
Melanie Kay

"To our future: Trenton and Katie! Thanks Mom and Dad! Thank you God!" – Trenton Lamartinier

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A Phi A rules all
-Brandon Wheatley

"I wondered where my soul might be, I searched for God but he eluded me. I sought my brother out and found all three."—Cody Bourque

"Your greatest life lessons might have been endured inside these walls, but they weren't learned behind its desks."
-Bethany Frank

Northwestern is a great school to go to. Get involved, study and meet new people!! GO DEMONS
-Dasha Orebeaux

"Dylan Caton Manual, will you marry me?"
—Sarah Cramer

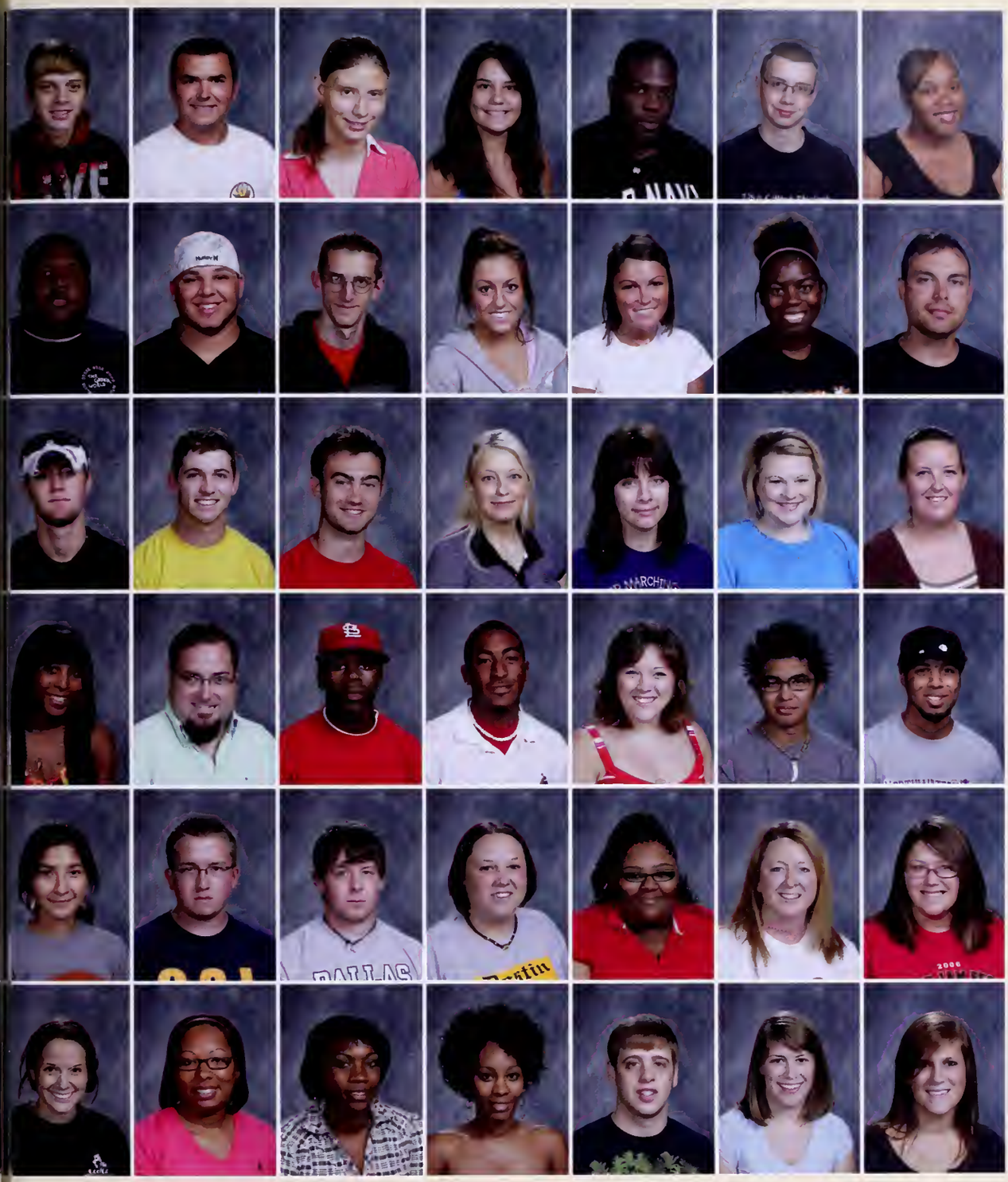
Everyone wants a revolution, but most are too lazy to get out of bed -Jocelyn Kyle

"In memory of my grandmother. RIP Claudine Bower. I love you." -Hunter Bower

Procrastination is like masturbation. It feels good, but in the end you still just f***ed yourself. -Beau Major

"There ain't nothing to it but to do it!"
—Kirk Martin

"Save your glory. Don't cut off ALL your hair. Geaux demons, geaux." -Brittany Crowe



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Kevin Price
Lindsay Price
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Dustie Rambin
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Natalie Ratliff
Therease Ratliff
Brandon Ray
Courtney Ray
Heather Ray

rge made me do this."—Brett Andrews

"If it doesn't work but, you can always quit."—Dallis Miller

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act, but a habit. – Aristotle" – Brendon Mizener

"Man, college is so clean! It's so many people and things to do. I'm done with high school! GROWN MAN STATUS!" – Dominique Mclemore

"James Durbin is a great guy!"–Jessica Ricks

"God created pencils so that music students could mark in their music.–Thus said Dr. Allen." –Sara Mayeux

"Next Best Thing"–Ronnie Washington

"When I was a freshman, I wished I was a senior. Now that I'm a senior, I wish I could do it all over again."—Brittany Domangue

"I'm not a human bein'! I'm a human DOIN'!" —Cain–Oscar Bergeron

"Santa is so Jolly all the time because he knows where all the bad girls live." – Robby Fox

Antrecia Raymond
Cammie Recer
Morgan Redmon
Kourtney Reece
Allison Reed
Tara Reed
Trenton Reed

Victoria Reed
Adrian Reese
Cathleen Reeves
Chancy Reeves
Stormie Reeves
Brady Renard
Kelcey Renfrow

Trecey Rew
Casey Reynolds
Roger Reynolds
Timothy Rice
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Davone Richard
Alyssa Richardson

Armad Richardson
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James Richey
Nathan Richterberg
Jessica Ricks
Melissa Rideau
Michael Rigby

Gary Riggs
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Stephanie Riser
Cody Ritchie
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Tommie Rivers
Anesha Roberson

Bryan Roberson
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Brittany Roberts
Justin Robertson
Kevin Robertson
Markela Robertson
Elizabeth Robichaux



"Like a Boss"
–Paula Thompson

"Petite feet, feminine step. Sounds like a lady when he's walkin' in the room. Crucio! The power of occlumency!" –Richelle Stephens

"Tau Beta Sigma is the best."
–Courtnee' Anthony

"If you put tha straight Jacket o me, I'm going t pull your endo crine system ou of your body. –Carly Mauri

"I'm a pilot!" –Juan Haynie

"Why is there a couch in my bedroom" –Robin Barr

"Ya gurl look good don't she?" –Kamri Wright

"Last train to Bucketh-cadland." –Dillon Green

"Go Demons!' Love NUSH"
–Roneshica Bureau

"You have to keep in tune with your star player" –Katt Williams



Stephanie Robichaux
Dywaine Robinson
Elizabeth Robinson
Jarvis Robinson
Jean Robinson
Jermaine Robinson
Justin Robinson

Launa Robinson
John Roche
Michael Roddy
Caitlin Rogenmoser
Ashley Rogers
Brittany Rogers
Nichole Rogerson

Kimberly Rollins
Stanley Rolon
Lindsey Rome
Brittany Root
Lauren Roppolo
Johnson Rosalyn
Jarvis Rose

Larry Ross
Adam Roy
David Royal
Nicole Rung
Kayla Rush
Eliazbeth Rushing
Tijuan Rushing

Joshua Russell
Nicolas Russo
Cecilia Ryder
Latweika Salmon
Amanda Sam
Kiosha Sam
Kiara Sampson

Marcus Sanders
Nicolas Sanders
Timothy Sandifer
Victoria Sanford
Charlotte Santos
Shaunteria Sarpy
Amanda Sarvis

"RIP Shirley Dudley. Love ya auntie." –Paul Weeks

"Be the change you want to see in the world." Mathew Morrison

"GYST" –Adrienne Mayeaux

"Eh! Let's go cook some pork chops!!" –Dash Thomas

"UNITED WE NAC" – Chaise Crooks

"Good luck everyone! It was fun!!" –Lekisha Ratliff

"Don't count the days; make the days count." –Jaspar Edwards

"Live OFF campus." –Trenton Jarred Carlton III

"Devin's a liar." – Jamie Allen

"Life is too short to walk around in flats." –Carolyn Bernard

Micah Sasser
Taneisha Satcher
Jessica Savell
Anthony Scaturro
Rick Schenck
Tiffany Schloer
Charniece Scott

Courtney Scott
Jasmine Scott
Jessica Scott
Kenneka Scott
Lawrence Seawood
Constance Seibles
Ambrosia Selby

Antoinette Selby
Erin Semanco
Brianna Sepulvado
Christian Sepulvado
Kelli Sepulvado
Shelly Sepulvado
Spencer Sepulvado

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John Sewell
Jasmine Shafer
Kayla Sharon
John Shaughnessy
John Shaw
Sandra Shaw

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Paul Shelton
Chyna Sheppard
Gabriel Sheppard
Andria Shoemake
Jeffrey Sholar
Heather Shugart

Paul Shultz
Ryan Sickel
Savana Simien
Ashante' Simmons
Kyle Simmons
Lamont Simmons
Mathias Simmons



"I always knew looking back on the tears would make me laugh, but I never knew looking back on the laughs would make me cry." – Caroline Belote

"Music is the essence of my being without it I am nothing. Just keeping it real!" – Andrew Johnson

"I love corn." – Michael Pierce

"Peace, Love, & Phi Mu!" – Robin Haydel

"A-nop-dop-doo-nop-a-wap-tam-boom" words to live by" – Stephen Bendrick

"Life is to short so live it to the fullest." – Chyna Sheppard

"God is the source of my strength" – Yarkeshala Waldon

"Never settle for less, only what you deserve and more." – Kenya Louis

"Asians Rock" – Ryan Pang

"B****es ain't s*** Fastest who gets paid i the fastest who gets laid Financial Aid sucks ass Suck it NSU." – Collin Woodson



Victoria Simmons
Earl Simon
Herbert Simpson
Molly Simpson
Cordaro Sinegal
Casala Slaughter
Jessica Small

Kelvin Small
Albert Smith
Anna Smith
Bradley Smith
Chelsea Smith
David Smith
Edward Smith

Gabriel Smith
Jessika Smith
Kenya Smith
Krystle Smith
Lacie Smith
Mary Smith
Rashad Smith

Reneisha Smith
Tina Smith
Malcolm Smoot
Bethany Snell
Joanna Snipes
Casey Soileau
Tiffany Solis

Marissa Sonnier
Natalyn Sonnier
Brittney Sorapuru
Esther Sowell
Michael Sowells
Justin Spaethe
Sarah Spain

Sheryl Spears
Jennifer Speed
Nicholas Spellmon
April Spotsville
Mark Springer
Joanna Spurgeon
Jonathan Spurgeon

I'm like a fat kid with no arms... don't play." – Ryan Humphrey

"Everything happens for a reason." – Meagan Candiotto

"The doctor is in the house" – Joel Ferreyros

[Boop] – Tory Ansario Bias

Bean is a ....." – Matt Fowler

"Introduce a little anarchy. Upset the established order, and everything becomes chaos. Oh, and you know the thing about chaos? It's fair." – Caleb Baxter

"YESTERDAY IS HISTORY, TOMORROW IS A MYSTERY, TODAY IS A GIFT THAT IS WHY IT'S CALLED THE PRESENT." – David Bruner

"Let the wants of your deepest desires possess the death of your dreams." – Jerett Crumbley

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." – Trina Hayes

"Big like the dipper" – Jacob Starks

I don't have any quotes." Clarence Chandler

Anastasia Squryres
Mary Squyres
Rachel Staggs
Suzanna Staggs
Tyler Stahl
Jesse Stalker
Robyn Stambaugh

Patricia Stampley
George Standifer
Joseph Standifer
Anna Stanfield
Caleb Stanfield
Clinton Stanfield
Jacob Starks

Davina Starr
Samuel Starr
Lapatrick Steadman
Michael Stedman
Charissa Stelly
Emily Stelly
Mounira Stephens

Richelle Stephens
Michael Stephenson
Anthony Stewart
Natalie Stewart
Shaval Stewart
Katie Stiles
Julia Storrs

Joshua Strickland
Randi Stuard
Adam Sullivan
Randall Sullivan
Ashley Sumbler
Matthew Sumwalt
Sarah Sutton

Jacob Swindle
Chrisenthya Sylve
Christopher Sylvie
Jennifer Tarpley
Joseph Tarpley
Luke Tarver
Ada Tate



"I love Apes."
– Clemonce Heard

"When you feel that someone has worked harder than you – you have failed." – Cameron Mehl

"Be a lady on Campus, be a role model for the world."
– Sean McGuill

"Ah...but a theatre is magic isn't it?"
– Eileen Peterson

"It ain't always what you do, it's who you let see you do it. – My Daddy" Savana Simien

"Success, just do it" – Geoffrey Bond

"Loud, Proud, Country By the Grace of God." – Josh Purvis

"Let's get it in like INCHES Abbreviated." – Victor Duplessis

"Some say 'bottom depends on where you're sitting.' That's dumb. Where you're sitting depends on your bottom. [Love]" – Angelique Milliken

"Good luck NSU students" – Jonathon Christophe



Chasity Taylor
Kayla Taylor
Kendra Taylor
Kymberly Taylor
Lynnette Taylor
Nykeyia Taylor
Tammy Taylor

Glenda Teasley
Meshanda Telsee
Dwight Tennie
Courtney Terry
Luke Teutsch
Jason Thibodeaux
Megan Thibodeaux

Daniel Thiels
Anastacia Thomas
Ashton Thomas
Chadrick Thomas
Erica Thomas
Hannah Thomas
Jeremy Thomas

Kantesha Thomas
Keyera Thomas
Sherrion Thomas
Sierra Thomas
Tiffany Thomas
Tre'Mesha Thomas
Dominique Thompson

George Thompson
Justin Thompson
Kelsey Thompson
Laken Thompson
Paula Thompson
Sydneye Thorton
Cameron Tillman

Sarah Timmons
Alexandra Tolbert
Ashley Tolliver
Madeline Tolson
Amanda Toney
Lidaniel Toomer
Reginald Toomer

Out of college, Finally! hanks Mama and Papa for verything and your patience. an't wait to marry you Tren- n!" – Kaite Quebedeaux

Remember the good times, learn from the bad and enjoy it all. –Robyn Stambaugh

"Some people think it can happen, some people wish it could happen, others, make it happen. – Michael Jordan" – Derek Griffon

"Eh! Let's go warm it up!!!" –Talara "Sweet Tea" Byers

Go Demons!

Go Greek!"

Rachel

McCalister

"The [young] mind is a terrible thing to waste...but it sure is fun!"–Ansley Hughes

"Never step out on faith that's on broken glass." –Danielle Kenny

"Peace, love and all that good s***" –Michael Ashworth

"Phi Mu rocks! Live life to the fullest." – Nicole K. Dauzat

"Strawberry" —Ashley Allred

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Jermeshia Tousant
Kenneth Toussaint
Nora Townsend
Nicholas Treusch
William Treusch
Joyce Trowel

Darryl Tucker
Si Tucker
Ashley Tullos
Stephanie Tummons
Arielle Turner
Diante Turner
Whittney Turner

Eugene Tyler
Klayton Valega
Shamaigun Vanburen
Chris Vance
Dustin Vandersypen
Janitza Vasquez
Meagen Vasseur

Christopher Vaughn
Elizabeth Venable
Joseph Vercher
Skyla Vercher
Coty Verdin
Jaime Verdun
Casey Vickers

Brittany Vinson
Kristin Viola
Alexandra Visconti
Jessica Vizena
Samantha Voinche
Darrell Wafer
Nicholas Wafer

Lauren Waguespack
Madison Wakefield
Yarkeshala Waldon
Jimmie Walker
Justin Walker
Kristen Walker
Laster Walker



"It's not about fame or fortune, it's about the kind of person you are afterwards."—Kristie Ambros

"In this world, there are the movers and shakers and everybody else. I would rather be the one who shakes things up than to be moved by nothing."–Paul Randall Adams

"It is an honor to be selected to serve, AEA!" Mark Daniels

"College Swagga" —LaTinna LeDoux

"Sarah Cramer: 'I'm the awk ward Sarah!'"—Sarah Clarin

"By my senior year I'm sure I'll have decided on a good quote."—Justin Lyon

"Nat-town Representer" Chernika Leon

"Life's a garden, dig it!"–Taylor Lee

"Negativity...out the window."—Chris Bloom

"Never complain about hard work and pain because you'll never have the rainbow if you didn't have the rain."–Betsy Loyed



Roberta Walker
Amber Wallace
Carmen Wallace
Logan Wallace
Samuel Wallace
Joe Waller
Alicia Walsworth

Paula Walsworth
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Tiffany Ward
Jeffrey Ware
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Evan Warren
Jesika Warren
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Ronnie Washington
Sabrina Washington

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Paige Waters
Dwayne Watkins
Alanea Watson
John Watson
Jonathon Watson
Kenneth Watson

William Watson
Travis Watts
Jason Weams
Garrett Webb
Jason Webb
Mareo Webb
Natalie Webb

Taylor Webster
Jasmine Weeks
Jessica Weeks
Paul Weeks
Glen Weideman
Louis Weldon
Brynna Welling

If a bunch of 20-year-
lds are playing capture
ne flag all over campus
t 11:00 p.m., it must
e spring training for
rew."-Emily Crew

"Rick Flair on em" – Ben Dupuy

"yo bad"—Bryan Roberson

"I think, therefore I am. – Rene Descartes" – Randall Sullivan

"Normal is what you make it"—Sarah Sutton

"So fresh no less
So fly look high"
– Whitney McMillon

"Music is life"–John Michael Butler, Jr

"First and foremost, I love God!"
—Andy Shoemake

You can give and not love, but
ou can't love and not give...
Ms. Wells" – Jacqueline Wells

"You can complain and remain or you can praise and be raised!" – Rebecca Harris

Jacqueline Wells
Adam Wentzel
Kristen Wesley
Darby West
Lauren West
Naomi West
Destiny Westergard

Justin Wheat
Brandon Wheatley
David Wheatley
Ashley White
Brandi White
Cady White
Jasmine White

Lachardius White
Nina White
Randashalia White
Shanyrica White
Lewej Whitelow
Amber Wiggins
Joanna Wiggins

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Matthew Wiley
Dorces Wilfred
Ashley Wilkerson
Dillion Wilkerson
Laura Willett
Alonzell Williams

Amber Williams
Anna Williams
Antionette Williams
Ashley Williams
Brittany Williams
Bryan Williams
Cherie Williams

Cherrelle Williams
Cody Williams
Darius Williams
Deidra Williams
Erin Williams
Evonne Williams
Gecyka Williams



"SLC Baseball Champs 2010!" – Chase Lyles

"Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to dance in the rain." – Lyssa Littleton

"Anything worth having is worth fighting for." – Brittany L. Vinson

"You are more likely to cut yourself with a dull knife than a sharp knife." – Jonathon Perkins

"College is yay" – Somer Farnat

"May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in Your sight. Oh Lord my Rock and my Redeemer. Psalm 19:14 – My favorite verse" – Sharla Mills

"Your future is as bright as you make...light it up, don't [illegible] deal with the dimness!" – Siedah Perro

"In Soviet Russia, road forks you!" – Mark Springer

"Bahahaha" – Lindsay Morris

"Through time, space and troubles, NSU will remain dear in my heart!" – Tori N. Ladd



Jaderian Williams
Janiesia Williams
Jessica Williams
Kendra Williams
Kimberly Williams
Lacy Williams
Lakimbria Williams

Leah Williams
Lou-Anne Williams
Luke Williams
Michael Williams
Nathan Williams
Preanna Williams
Saraney Williams

Shannon Williams
Shaquana Williams
Tyler Williams
Jacob Williford
Kaleisha Willis
Lovell Willis
Ebony Wilridge

Eva Wilson
Latoya Wilson
Milzokiya Wilson
Sara Wilson
Whitney Wilson
Brenda Winbery
Kayla Wingfield

Toby Winkler
Wesley Winnon
Ruth Wisher
Katie Wolf
Travis Womack
Benjamin Wood
Erin Wood

Kory Wood
Heather Woodall
Astin Woodard
Jarred Woodard
Kierra Woodard
Allesha Woods
Cheylon Woods

"Live life with no regrets"–Leah Williams

"Alley-oop, my sorors!"–Brittany N. Williams

"NSU definitely beats ech!!" –Judy R. Fowler

"Girl Squad–wooork!"—Jasmine Shafer

"Don't tell me how to live my life. I do what I want!" –Kirbye Adkins

"Live Laugh Love =)" –Kayla Taylor

"I couldn't have made it this far without God! Class of 2010!" –Shaneka Young

"There will only be one you for all of time so fearlessly be yourself." – Lauren Milt

"A moment of waf-fle." –Dustin Beard

"Be OWT Ques" –Dywaine Robinson

"Truth is incontrovertible. Malice may attack it, and ignorance may decide it, but in the end, there it is." –Victoria Olivier

Octavia Woods
James Woodson
Andre'Nikka Wright
Kamri Wright
Samantha Wright
Stephanie Wright
Brittany Wright-Bryant

Cherlyndria Wyatt
Patrick Wyatt
Siji Wyatt
William Yeager
Erica Yeglic
Brittani York
Annette Young

Brittany Young
Donald Young
Lauren Young
Shaneka Young
Jacob Youngblood
Kierra Youngblood
Chelsea Zeno



Brittney Zeringue
Chelsea Zeringue
Charles Zimmerman
Heath Zimmerman



"Life is too short to be sad and too much fun to be depressed." –Candace Fairley

"What time is it? GYST!" –Rhett Pilcher

"Get it done in life, live to the fullest!" – Brittny Cai

"Long Curly Hair Don't Care." – Justin Bilbo

"Life is what you make it, make it worth your time." –Kayla Miller

"You only get one life, you might as well live it to the fullest; never regret something that once made you smile." – Jessica Alaniz

"I feel that if it doesn't kill you it simply makes you... stranger." – Kenny Watson

"Be Happy!" – Dillon Holden

"Get on them dice, hot nine" – Jason Arnuelin

"If I can't have heaven then I'll raise Hell!" – Nick Shelton

"If people mind their own business it will be a better world. I'm in control of my own destiny." – Davina Starr

"I'm happy it's almost over...last year Yaay!" – Sha'Quana Williams

"Chilling" – Richard Horous

"Live, Langh, Love and langh some more!" – Haley Heard

"Don't count the days; make the days count." –Jasper Edwards

"The first step of progress is to acknowledge your faults." –Paul Weeks

"Live life to the fullest with no regrets" – Travis Batiste

"Do on to others as you would want them to do on to you!" – Amy Meloyer

"I see you baby, shakin' that thang!" – Solomon Matthews

"Pi Kappa Phi" –Cameron Moises

"Denis is a liar." –Rachel Fielder

"No regrets just lessons learned." – Tre-Mesha Thomas

"Life is a dance from one stage to the next." – Kristen Marlino

Work Hard!!! BE NICE..." – E.J. Delphin

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l... If we don't
t no tolls,
ut we don't
t no rolls."
Megan Cherie
Adams

"Live life to its fullest and love with all your heart because you'll never know when it could all end."–Brittany Rogers

"A bird in the hand is worth me in the bush." –Caleb Manasco

"I am the best ont 'HOLLA'" – Ryan P. George

"Go Demons! We are the best!"–Taylor Ferguson

"Rise with the Fallen." – Jordan P. Coker

"Love, Joy, Peace!" – Heath Boddie

"Pop pop get loose!" –Tim Sandifer

"Live Life to the fullest!!!" – Saraney Williams '13

"Just think how happy you would be if you lost everything you had now and then got it back again." – Kimberly Kidney

"The woods would be very silent if no birds sang except the best."–LaTweika A.T. Salmon

"Avoid the unhappy and unlucky law:10" – Morrall Broussard

s crazy as it sounds,
e of the most important
ings in college is to know
o your real friends are."
Cherie Williams

"Through God anything is possible." – Tijuan Rushing

"Pouge me hone – family is forever" – Megan Moriarty

"If you ain't snake, you ain't s***." –Morgan Redmon

"Before you judge, try to love!"–Jasmine Scott

"To reverence God as our maker, striving to serve Him in all things - creed of Phi Mu" –Andi Finimore

"Those who think are only few, for so few think who think they do." – Stephanie LaGrone

"Errare Humanum Est."–Roger Hall

The only thing there is to fear is the ear of tigers" –Morgan McClure

"Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who matter don't mind and those who mind don't matter." – Tre-Mesha Thomas

"If your heart is not in it...take yourself out!" – Melaisha Sims

"No matter where you go in life, no matter the wealth, always bring your own sunshine =)" – Natalie Stewart

"LLLLLLV"–Jaysun Weams

"Our world is not tame" –Alex Lachney

"Put it before them briefly so they will read it, clearly so they will appreciate it, picturesquely so they will remember it, and accurately so they will be guided by its light. (Joseph Pulitzer)" –Natasha Anderson

"If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a nation gone under.– Ronald Reagan" – Ruth Wisher

"Goodbye NSU...won't see you next year!!!" – Garrett Brown

"Dwelling on the negative simply contributes to its power." – Morgan Mosley

"We musn't let our passions destroy our dreams." – Destiny Westergard

nspire those who need in-
iration. Admire those who
red admiration. Appreciate
ose who need Appreciation."
–Chasity McClendon

"In da Face"–Sara Matlock

"Don't hope or wish for something to happen you should know it will happen."–Charissa Stelly

"This will be the most exciting 4 years of my life!! I can't wait to see what NSU has in store for me. Go Demons!!!" – Ryan C. Owens

"I love Paul Randall Adams, too!"– Katie Stockton

"I love Richard Joseph Lewis." – Morgan Garner

"I don't wanna hear excuses, I just want to see results."–Lauren Ashley Peters

"Go Demons!"–Mandy Person

"Money can't buy life– Bob Marley"–Jeff Ware

n the words of Asher Roth
love college, I love women,
ove chillin!!!' I'm a true
k!" – Johnathan Nichols

"Sometimes good things fall apart so that BETTER things come together! I don't know who said it first, but they're alright with me!" – Brandi Howard

"The only hindrance to your success is your own insecurities." – Cheylon Woods

"Don't worry about tomorrow, besides, today was the tomorrow you worried about yesterday...right?" –Brandi White

"Smile more, it makes life more fun!"– Tara Luck



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Editor's note

The information in this section was submitted by faculty in Fall 09 via faculty messenger

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Wendy Bartlett
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Lillie Bell
Jody Biscoe
Yolanda Bobb
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Bill Brent



rowing into each other's arms

Some of the best things in life happen when you aren't on dry land. This was the case for Alan and Yonna Pasch.

The couple met while participating on the rowing team together, but their first conversation didn't happen until sitting at McDonald's during a rowing trip.

"It's kind of funny," Alan said. "But the first time we ever had a conversation was...when we figured out that her named spelled backward is 'annoy.'"

The couple began dating in February 1999 (a year after they met).

Alan proposed before Christmas during a home-cooked dinner.



"He had everything planned to a 'T,' from romantic music, candles and an amazing meal with a fabulous desert," Yonna said. "After we ate, well after I ate, he was too nervous to eat much of anything, he got on his knee and proposed. I had no idea he was going to propose. Best Christmas present exchange ever!"

Yonna graduated in fall 2001 with a Bachelors of Science in hospitality management and tourism and received her Masters of Art at NSU in 2003. While at NSU, she was the travel coordinator, varsity woman's team captain, vice president and oarswoman of the year for the rowing team. She was the second vice president for Kappa Omicron Nu Honor Society, the fundraiser chair for NSU FACS, vice president for the Student Personnel Association and a member of Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority. She began working at NSU in 2003 and is now the Director of Student Activities for Organizations and Leadership Development, the director of the Marathon Rowing Championships (the largest fundraiser for the rowing team), and the Alpha Sigma Alpha ritual adviser.

Her advice to students: "Get involved a don't be afraid to talk to people. The only r gret that I have is that I waited to get involve Don't wait! Start now! there is something NSU that you can contribute your talents a enthusiasm."

An LSU transfer, Alan described his fi years at Northwestern as some of the be times of his life, growing fond of the peopl traditions and campus. He graduated in 20 with a bachelor's in art and a minor in photogr phy, and he then recieved his masters in spor administration from NSU in Dec. 2006. Whil at NSU, he served as captain, vice-presiden president and assistant coach for the rowing team, and participated in th Spanish club, intramurals, student art society and Pi Kappa Phi Fraternit He was both a Dean's list and President's list student, three-time Cre Oarsman of the year, three-year crew varsity captain, and crew novic team captain.

Alan began working for NSU in fall 2001 as the rowing coach and now the director of athletic facilities.

His advice to students: "Take advantage of everything that college ha to offer. You only get one change at it, and it goes by way too fast. Some the best summers of my life were the ones I spent here with my friends. realize that Natchitoches doesn't offer much in the way of entertainmen but it is the people you meet and the memories and bonds you form th make college life what it is."

Bethany Fran



Mary Brocato
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Phil Brown
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Artie Cebrynski
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Winde Chambers
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"I stumbled upon the addiction field when I did my internship in college. I decided to stay in the field to help the adolescents I work with in the community. They are challenging, creative and very impressionable. It is so rewarding to see them making positive changes, not just with their addictions, but with their families and school as well. They reach so many levels of success!"-Joseph D. Biscoe III

"Life happens while school happens! Learn to do them both well and at the same time!--I tell all my students this at the beginning of each semester and every time they have an excuse about absences and late work."-Lori LeBlanc



"I have worked at the library through the transition from paper indexes and the card catalog to online resources. In a lot of ways, research is much harder now since you have to learn so many different ways to find information. Still, the most thrilling part of my job is when I explain how to do research to students and see their eyes light up with excitement because they get what I am trying to show them and see how it will help them. That is the most fun in being a librarian."-Abbie Landry

"During my more than 30 years as professor of finance in the College of Business, it has always been a rewarding experience to play a small part in the life and education of my students. Like a rose that is nurtured, then blossoms into a beautiful flower, our students are educated, mentored and mature into productive and wonderful people"-Dr. Stephen Elliot

Frank Fuller
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Jacki Giesey
Barbara Gillis
Elizabeth Graves

LaTasha Gray
Pete Gregory
Liz Gresham
Pam Grigsby
Tommy Hailey
Katy Hall
Tom Hall

Judy Hamous
Greg Handel
Brenda Hanson
Tom Hanson
Kent Hare
Cathleen Harper
Kelli Haynes

Jodie Heinicka
Kerryl Lynne Henderson
Sketter Henry
Ashlee Hewitt
Debbie Hichman
Steve Hicks
Myranda Hill

Pam Holcombe
Alma Holloway
Carla Howell
Jessica Hudspeth
Susan Hussey
Rafiqul Islam
Adam Jannik



"Enjoy the experience of college life, but act responsibly," Mary Margaret Shivers advised NSU students.

Mary was a spring 1971 graduate with a bachelor's degree in secretarial administration from the College of Business. She also has a certified professional secretary certificate.

She began working for NSU on July 1, 1971, as a civil service employee and is now Coordinator of Academic Affairs.

"As a student, I was rather shy and focused on getting my degree so that I could begin working," she said. "As an employee, I have worked for truly outstanding individuals who helped me grow professionally in the positions that I have held."

Mary worked in the areas of financial aid, research and academics, but by far her favorite is academics. While at NSU, she participated in the secretarial organization and earned her four-year degree in three years.

She met Charles, her husband, in 1974 shortly after he began working at NSU. They began dating that December. They discussed getting married and then, one Saturday, they went to United Jewelers in Shreveport and picked out rings, she said.

Bethany Frank



"Do your best at whatever yo attempt," Brenda Fowler Mi er told the students.

Brenda graduated in May 198 with a degree in business admini tration. She later received anothe bachelor's in computer informatic systems in 1987 and then her Ma ters of Education with a concentr tion in educational technology 1999. She has worked at NSU since September 1996 ar is now director of registration and graduation.

While at NSU, she was a member of the Purpl Jackets and the Pan-Hellenic Council, and president the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She was also name Who's Who Among Students in American Universitie and Colleges.

Bethany Frar



Alysia Jones
Dorothy Washington Jones
Linda Jones
Sharon Joy
Julie Kane
Kathryn Kelly
Melissa Kelly

Eileen Kendrick
Margaret Kilcoyne
Kioh Kim
David King
Larrie King
Martha Koury
Gail Kwak

Abbie Landry
Roxanne Lane
Jung Lim
Peggy Lodridge
Anna MacDonald
Hank Maddox
Shamise Madison

Chris Maggio
Pat Martinez
Melanie McBride
T. Davina McClain
Sarah McFarland
Maureen McHale
Donna McPhearson

Catherine Merchant
Hesham Mesbah
Madeline Meziere
Lauren Michel
Angela Miller
Lyndsey Miller
Brenda Milner

"I am proud to say that I am an alumnae of NSU-twice, BA English with a minor in Speech, 1987; MA in Art, 1994. Presently, I am the assistant professor of art and gallery director r the Department of Fine Arts. I was the last coed to act as ıbella when she was 'moved' from Caldwell Hall to the 'Old Vomen's Gym'-now NCPTT-ın October 1982. Chris Maggio was ıong the very active students on NSU's campus at the time who sisted with the ghost moving."-Leslie Gregory Gruesbeck



"Faculty member 14 years at NSU in Jan 2010, currently 13.5 FTE"-David King

"What lies behind you and what lies before you is nothing compared to what lies within you."-Joy Johnson



"I graduated from NSU in the spring of 2006 (with a degree in general studies and a minor in math) and currently work at the university (as the facility coordinator of welness and recreation and asst. director of club sports)." While at NSU, I was on the cheer team.-Steven Wood

"I am a single parent with one daughter still at home, while two daughters have grown up, married and now have given me beautiful grandchildren during my time working at NSU. I have loved this university since I first came here for a band function while in my high school band during the late 70's. I am honored and proud to be a part of this university and strive to be a true assest to this great community."-Kristie Hilton

Joe Morris
Linda Nichols
Bobby Nowlin
Drake Owens
Wendi Palermo
Sanghoon Park
Vicki Parrish

Ron Pedro
Barbara Pierce
Susan Pierce
Pat Pierson
Joseph Pope
Geraldine Rachal
Jarrett Reeves

Belinda Roberson
Carolyn Roberson
Galindo Rodriguez
Dana Roe
Bill Sexson
Bob Simmons
Martha Kay Smiley

Carrie Smith
W. Ryan Smith
Susan Snell
Jennifer Stanfield
Stephanie Stanton
Holly Stave
Michelle Stephens



"Don't sweat the little things. You can worry yourself to death. If an opportunity presents itself then take it," Steve Horton told students.

Steve graduated from NSU in 1988 with a bachelor's in journalism and secondary education. He then earned his master's degree in journalism in 1990 and later earned his PhD in vocational education with a minor in mass communications in 1998.

Steve has worked with NSU since 1989 and is now the acting dean of liberal arts, the dean of graduate students and the associate provost. Through his professional career at Northwestern, Steve has worked in the journalism department, was the journalism head and director of alumni affairs.

"Those four years that I was an undergraduate completely affected the track I would ultimately take in my life," he said. "The cards at NSU unfolded, and I happened to be at the right place at the right time."

A journalist by trade, Steve's heart was in teaching, and he found his passion teaching teachers to teach.

While a student at NSU, Steve was Kappa Alpha president, SGA senator, two-time editor in chief of the Potpourri, PRSSA president, and a participant in IFC, Blue Key and a student worker in high school. He was also nominated to Who's Who Among Students in America's Universities and Colleges.

"The busier you are, the stronger you are academically because when you are involved outside the classroom, life makes you a better student and more open minded," he said.

Bethany Frank



"I have been here at NSU for 2 years. It has been especially gra ifying to have been associate with the Jazz Concert Series over th last 15 years or so. Having hosted pe formances with the NSU Jazz Orche tra, and Ellis Marslis, Maynard Fergu son, Byron Stripling, Bill Watrous an many more."-Galindo Rodriquez

"One of the great blessings of my life has been the opportunity to know and work among the students, faculty and staff of Northwestern State University for the past 24 years. The many faculty and staff I have known have shown a singular dedication to teaching students not only how to make a living, but much more importantly, how to live. I wish that all of them could be remembered and appreciated in this book. As for the students I have known, the faith, hope and love you often displayed on your way to life beyond this time and place has made me forever grateful to God for the privilege of serving you."-Donald F. Barker



Don Stewart
Mary Beth Tarver
Fred Taulbee
JaQuetta Thayer
J. Mark Thompson
Mark Thompson
Shelia Thompson

Carolyn Thorne
Susan Thorson-Barnett
Robert Earl Turner
Wade Tyler
Amy Vaughn
Jennifer Videtto
Janine Waters

Randy Webb
Ruth Weinzettle
Frances Welch
Mary Linn Wernet
Linda West
Darlene Williams
John Williams

Yvette Williams
Perry Wisinger
Daniel Withey
Brenda Woodard
Michael Yankowski
Marsha Zulick

made for each other



To this day they still dispute how they met, but it was a chance meeting at Camp Bethany that Kendra and William Broussard first began their courtship.

"He walked up in his grey Crowly hoodie and introduced himself," Kendra said. "I was smitten from that day...but sadly-he wasn't!"

William said, "I remember saying, 'I didn't want to date her because I knew it would be serious... but when I start dating her, we are not going to break up."

The couple stayed friends throughout their freshman year, and then finally on Dec. 5, 1997, William asked Kendra, "We go together, right?" but he said it might as well have been official long before that.

"It took a lot of pursuing on my part," Kendra said. "Daily letters in his mailbox at Bozeman, calling to see how his day was, all things that he viewed as me 'just being friendly.'"

Kendra, a native Canadian, played for the volleyball team and was the SGA treasure while pursing her degree in health and exercise science. Kendra was on the honor roll each semester, but said her "grand prize" was her husband. She later got her Massage Therapy Certification and license at the Desert Institute of the Healing Arts in Tucscon, Ariz. Kendra began working as the Wellness Coordinator for NSU in Dec. 2007.

William was a graduate of the Louisiana Scholars' College with a degree in English. He played center for the football team, participated in blue key, freshman connection, worked in admissions, SAAC and was the FCA president. William was a two-time All-American, inducted in the college football hall of fame as a scholar athlete, a Burger King All-American scholarship recipient, NCAA post-grad scholar, Mr. NSU and graduated with distinction. He earned his masters degree in rhetoric, composition and the teaching of English language at the University of Arizona in 2002, and he earned his doctorate there in 2007.

He began working at NSU in the fall of 2007 as the associate athletic director and later became an assistant instructor of journalism.

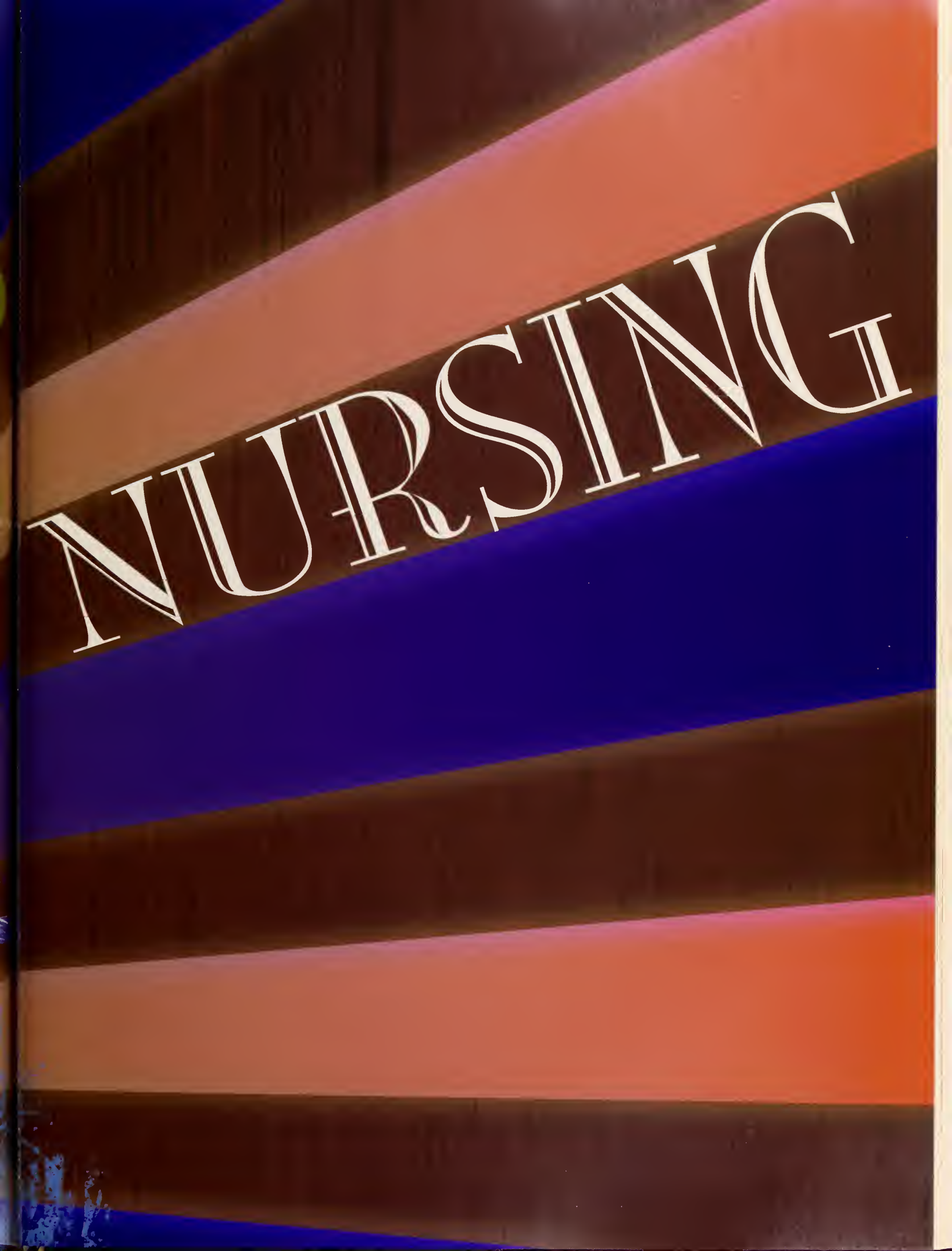
His advice to future students: "Do College. Have fun. Meet a whole bunch of people. Don't feel like you've got to meet that dude you're going to marry in the second week of college."

Kendra and William were married on May 19, 2001.

"And I still smile every time I pass the steps of Varnado Hall," Kendra said. "This was 'our' spot to meet nightly and share the happenings of the day."

Bethany Frank




NURSING

Angela Adams
Sherry Banks
Carrie Barnet
Jamie Barton
Samantha Beaudion
Haley Blake
Angela Burton

Robyne Champagne
Cassie Chandler
Melissa Clayton
Fran Colbert
Emily Collins
Kalie Craven
Kelli Crow

Angela Cutrer
Terrence Davis
Heather Dean
Jonathan Dixon
Lacey Dougherty
Jade Dupre
Tiffany Etheridge

Kim Forcinel
Debroah Franklin
Frances Garcia
Lakira Gladney
Cynthia Gotson
Fran Green
Jennifer Guthrie

Michelle Hannon
Laura Holland
Areatha Hughes
Candice Ivey
Janet Jackson
Daneidra Jefferson
Maxine Johnson

Wanda Johnson
Richard Kelham
Rachel Krenek
Carrie Laing
Antonio Lister
Preston Louder
Shanetrious Lyons





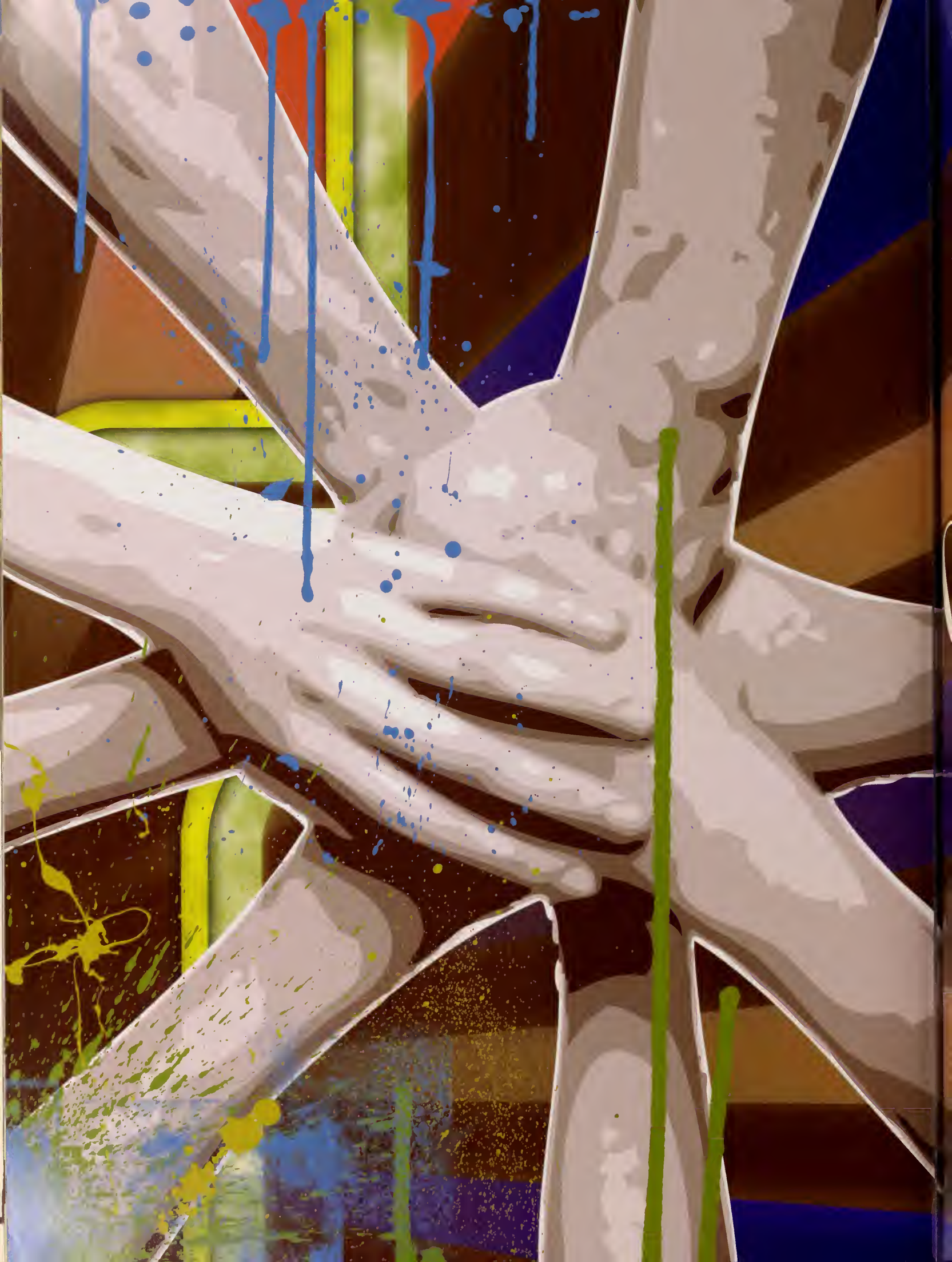
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Grace Matthews
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Wuanella Mills
Debbie Moore
Donald Morris

Reggie Myre
Lauren Navarre
Meghan Nunnally
Christi Parker
Jessica Paul
Emily Paxton
Andrew Price

Carlotta Richardson
Holly Roark
Jennifer Sonnier
Alex Stewart
James Teer
Summer Thomas
Latonyaw Thompson

Matthew Townsend
Shanice Wallace
Hannah Waters
Larry Watson
Cleo Webb
Danielle Weir
Aleshia Williams

David Williams
Kara Williams
Latara Williams
Tocurra Wong
Jennifer Wright
LaQeisha Williams



ORGANIZATIONS

Editors' note

The information in this section was submitted by student organizations and collected by the fall JOUR 3600 class.

Lambda Theta



Organization reformed: 2005

Lambda promotes creating tolerance, eliminating harassment and raising awareness of all sexual orientations on campus.

"Our organization is a social club, as well as a support network where people can come for information, understanding and honest conversations," Coty Verdin, member, said.

Lambda Theta participates in National Coming Out Day and National Day of Silence.

(Front Row) Coty Verdin, Khristen Doolan **(Back Row)** Taylor Norton, Tim Gattie, Kevin Clarkston, Desiree Chartier, Melissa [illegible]

Sigma Nu



(Front Row) Chris Vonche, James Major, Derek Clavier, Nick Harrel, Caleb Ganney, Jared Killpatrick **(Back Row)** Ryan Ramshure, Matt Leblanc, Tyler Fluit, Bolton Curry, Blake Miller **(Not Pictured)** Robby Fox, Aaron Sistrunk, Chris Sistrunk, Russel Sistrunk, Calin Gould, Cody Dusky, Tyler Piles, Caleb Etheridge, Jared Culbertson, Eric Leger, Steven Stracener, Morgan Redmen, Jeff Rich, Randy Hanley, Ty Duncan, Josh Collins, Adam McDonald

Presidential Leadership Program Association



(Front Row) Evan Warren, Haley Wilson, Miranda Guillory, Sarah Durham, Hannah Hemphill, Bethany Crain, Alyssa Brooke McDaniel **(Second Row)** Corey Malmay, Jenae Condra, Michael Nation, Jesse Johnson, Meaghan Foucheux, Jodie Joseph **(Third Row)** Austin McCann, Kristen Lee, Kelly Louviere, Hunter Bower, Brittani York, Kiley Louviere

Tau Alpha Pi



(Front Row) Allen Sepulvado, Jonathan Spurgeon, Brant Cook, Jason McKinney **(Back Row)** Corey Smith, Robert Simmons, Heath Hennigan, Jermonte Williams, Jacob Punch

Established:
Nationally 1953
NSU Campus 2007

Purpose:
Recognize high standards of scholarship among students in engineering technology programs

LSC Forum Council



(In Alphabetical Order) Krysta Engel, Matthew Haskins, Jason Johnson, Zechariah Jones, Stephine LaGrone, Cameron Lockhart, Tara Luck, Kyle May, Rachelle Menard

K.K.I.N.O.



Photo by Emily Deen

ictured: Natasha Anderson, Monia Mark, Miriam Collier, Alvania Peterson

Southern Gothic

Carpe Noctem

Established: 2008

Organization's philanthropy: Life Share Blood Center

"Southern Gothic is an organization dedicated to upholding the aesthetics of the gothic subculture: drama, despair, romance and nostalgia," Coty Verdin, member, said.

Benefits of Southern Gothic:
To members: Safe and constructive environment to develop as an individual
To NSU community: Opportunity to learn about the gothic subculture and a chance to preview movies of interest to said subculture

- Provided by Coty Verdin



Photo by Kirk Martin

(In Alphabetical Order) David Bridges, Amber Carter, Desiree Chartier, Taylor Norton, Jena Perez, Edward Smith, Coty Verdin

Phi Beta Sigma



Photo by Tori Ladd

(Front Row) Zachary Bartley, Randy Freeman jr (Back Row) David Holmes, Kenneth Toussaint, Demetrius Payne

"Culture for service, service for humanity"

Established: 1973
Farthest distance traveled as an organization: 278 miles to New Orleans, La.

Alpha Phi Alpha



Submitted Photo

"First of all, servants of all, we shall transcend all."

First National Black Greek organization.

Established:
Nationally 1906
NSU Campus 1973
Farthest distance traveled as an organization: 1,213 miles to Washington, D.C.

"We are the school for the better making of men," Stephen Llorens, Alpha Phi Alpha member, said.

(First Row) Garrison Moore, Jeremy Evans, Keven Brooks (Second Row) Brandon Wheatley, Diante Truner, Stephen Llorens (Third Row) Randy Collins, Jonathan Guyton, Derrick Houston (Fourth Row) Kevin Blake, Marcus Sanders, Eric Howard

Catholic Student Organization



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(In Alphabetical Order) Linda Aguilar, Don Barker, Paula Jean Barker, Allie Brewer, Austin Burns, Michael Chandler, Karen Chatelain, La Shea Charleville, Frankie Daughtery, Mike Davis, Matt Dean, Bill Lee Deggs Dusty Dischler, Becky Edwards, Nathan Fewell, Kevin Foy, Father Jason Gootee, Russ Gremillion, Lilly Hare, Don Harlow, Jose Hernandez, Corey Joachim, Janka Karjciova, Brandon Legnion, Abigail Lucas, Tara Luck, Carmen Martinez, Dave May, Kyle May, Becca Meehan, Brendon Mizener, Jake Potts, Anna Reed, Brittany Rogers, Lindsey Rome, Joe Roque, TC Veit, Natalie Webb, Francis Stephen Zaborowski

Tau Beta Sigma



Submitted Photo

(First Row) Blair Picket, LeeAnn Riley, Andrea Lucien **(Second Row)** Gabriela Gutierrez, Maqueta Pipkin, Brittany Williams **(Third Row)** Stephanie Wright, Daniel Coffman, Courtnee Anthony **(Fourth Row)** Catherine Halverson, Justina LeJeune, Ola-Demus Jackson

NSU Angels



(Front Row) Marcquetta Brown, Brandi Felton, Arkeia Hampton, Brulicia Rasco **(Second Row)** Charniece Scott, Kayla Taylor, Sharonica Garison, Latweika Salmon, Arielle Craige **(Third Row)** Whittney Johnson, Colene Bonnette, Donna Anderson, Courtney Rachal, Candice Helaire, Maketia Morrison, Shanika Carey, Jamie Williams, Briona Hamilton, Alicia Bradley, Trenese Hypolite, Natalyn Sonnier, Shalecia Brown, Breyon McConnell, Shardai Adesola.

Hospitality Management & Tourism Student Association



Alexandria Moreland, Ashley Hurt, Chelsea Giles, Cherie' Primes, David Walker, Delphine Vieljeaux, Desiree' Parker, Erica Brumsfield, Hannah Scoggins, Jackie Smith, Jasmine Torregano, Jenny Ramos, Jessica Cavanaugh, Jessica Lacombe, Jorgia Hamel, Katie Young, Kayla Harville, Kayla Porche, Kelcey Renfrow, Kelsey Trautman, Kristen Duracher, Kristen Podgurski, Mary Catherine Pitre, Matthew Koon, Megan Vasseur, Mylie Hadden, Nichole Rogerson, Randel Brosett, Reagan Burke, Stephanie Tummons, Taneisha Satcher, Tiffany Hudson, Whitney Mixon

Organization reformed: 2009

"In hospitality, it's just as much who you know as what you know," Jorgia Hamel, member, said. "Networking and experience go hand in hand. It can't help but benefit you for your future in the business."

This organization offers its services during events to help students gain experience and practice for their future.

Zeta Phi Beta



(Front Row) Kelsy Washington, Jacquella Madison, Ashley Crockett, Chasity Taylor, Anettria Roberson, Anesha Roberson **(Back Row)** Debra Brown, Marcquetta Brown, Vadeisha Williams

Demon VIP



(In Alphabetical Order) Genny Broggi, Monique Chachere, Megan Cullen, Amy Dodson, Eddie Higginbotham, Tiffany Hudson, Sydney Keller, Lyssa Littleton, Rachel McCalister, Kaleigh McCord, Marquis Montgomery, Catie Reeves, Karrie Simpson, Dianta Turner, Madison Wakefield, Brandon Wheatley

Pi Kappa Phi



Photo by Lillian Hare

(In Alphabetical Order) Chris Alley, Ryan Bonnet, Cody Bourque, Nick Breaux, Kevin Bruce, Kevin Brueckner, Josh Crandal, Brad Deville, Kyle Domangue, Kyle Duhon, Chase Harvey, David Hogan, Jon Lee, Jackson Mahaffey, Brandon Messick, Alex Miley, Cameron Moises, Greg Morton, Blake Nugent, Robert Perry, Britt Richey, Chris Sanders, Andrew Scull, Marcos Silverio, Shawn Smith, Tyler Stahl, Dalton Thumann, Austin Vidrine, Mason Vidrine, Garrett Webb, Jodey Wiggins, Nate Willison, Robert York

Association of Information Technology Professionals

"No matter how sophisticated the technology, it still takes people"

Established:
Nationally 1965
NSU Campus 1998

Awards: 10
National Championships.

Farthest distance traveled as an organization: 622 miles to Kansas City, Kan.


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(First Row) Dr. Joleen Mabies, Mrs. Anna Mabies and Mrs. Barbara Russell **(Second Row)** [illegible] Tobi Winkler, LaTonya Coleman, Yolanda Lucas, Sara Welch, Marisa Perry **(Third Row)** [illegible] Chris Parks, [illegible] Brewer, Zech Hennigan, Nadia Weber **(Fourth Row)** Cody Chop, Whitney [illegible] Kelly, Marquis Montgomery **(Fifth Row)** Dr. Jack Russell, [illegible]

Psi Chi Honor Society



(Left to Right) Lillian Hare, Kyle Domangue, Ashley Kasperski, Megan Bourgeois

Ladies of Essence



(Front Row) Kimberly Williams, Markeisha Johnson **(Back Row)** Amy Metoyer, Kiosha Sam, Alethea Edwards, Iatoya Jackson, Jasmine Joseph, Jasmine Franklin

Interfraternity Council



(Front Row) Chris Sanders, Paul Shelton, Nicholas Courville, Dakota Byrd **(Second Row)** Kyle Duhon, Jared Kilpatrick, Bobby Woods **(Third Row)** Vanner Erikson, Derek Clavier

National Pan Hellenic Council

Established Nationally 1930

National Pan Hellenic Council stands for Greek Unity.

Activities National Pan Hellenic Council was involved in: Campus Clean Up, Ben Johnson Graveyard Clean Up and Robeline Food Pantry

"Not enough words can express how it feels to be a part of this organization," Jeremy Evans, member, said.



(Front Row) Bryan Roberson, Jeremy Jefferson, Charniece Scott, Jeremy Evans, Vadeisha Williams, Randy Freeman, Alanda Jackson, Justin Thompson, and Dedra Brown **(Second Row)** Kasey Brown, Sheneice Boles, Charisma Wesley, Samantha Mallett, Laila Benjamin, Jalessa Garth, Anesha Roberson, Anettria Roberson, Kelsy Washington Ashley Crockett, Mylisha Dobbins, Lertresha Bowie, Chasity Taylor, and Kevin Robertson **(Third Row)** Dewayne Robinson, Dewaskie Fuller, Brandon Wheatley, Sam Starr, Garrison Moore, Derrick Houston, Diante Turner Christopher Preston, Marcus Sanders, Kenneth Toussaint, David Holmes, and Zach Bartley

Native American Culture Association



(Front Row) [illegible] Pierce, Robyn Stamvaugh, Cheylon Woods, DeeAnna [illegible] anders
(Back Row) M[illegible] Ashwort[illegible], Robert Caldwell Marie Richards

Helping Hands

"A little help goes a long way"

Established on Campus 2001

Awards:
Most Community Service
Most Outstanding Community Service Project 2007
Service Learning Award 2009

Farthest distance organization traveled:
154 miles to Lake Charles, La.

"We are destined to improve our numbers and be one of the top organizations on NSU campus," Eric Howard, member, said.



Photo by Emily Deen

(Front Row) Eric Howard, Kevin Blake **(Second Row)** Jasmine Shafer, Amanda Carroll, Chasity McDermott, Arielle Craige, Monique Chachere **(Third Row)** Gabrille Arkansas, Morgan Cooper, Starleana Bosteon, Princess Wilfred, Tereneshia Session, Davonne Richard, Anjel Johnson, Cristina Alexander **(Fourth Row)** Shanika Carey, Clarissa Morgan, Breyon McConnell, Maureen Hunt, Kourtney Reece, Dezira Henry **(Fifth Row)** Jena Perez, Brittany Jewitt, Jamie Mayberry, Kristen Wesley **(Back Row)** Kenneth Toussaint, Patrick Brooks, Brittney Guilbeaux, Victoria Carillo, Shardai Adesola, Damon Jones, Jessica Small, Markita Hamilton, Bianca Warren

National Association for Music Education



(Left to Right) Glen Weideman, Ben Wood, Rance Hawthorne, Brendon Mizener, Linda Aguilar, Amber Wiggins, Eilyn Garcia, Kaysee Carrere, Marquetta Vaughn

Nationally Established: 1907

Philanthropy:
Fund for the Advancement of Music Education

Awards:
World's Largest Concert for Feed the Children
PR Week 2007 Non-profit Campaign of the year award

Demon Sweethearts



(In Alphabetical Order) Shanice Alford, Sara Aymond, Jori Brandon, Kimberly Cotton, Ashley Davis, Anna Forest, Dreka Fowler, Tamekia Gipson, Shandriqua Hill, Arielle Hite, Alexis Hughes, Carri-Neisha Hunter, Ashley James, Kourtney Reece, Davone Richard, Kiara Sampson, Janine Tornegano, Jasmine Washington, Jessica Williams

Delta Sigma Theta



Erica O'Neal, Chatniece Scott, Korisma Wesley, Trecey Rew, Jaleesa Garth, Whytle Jones, Danielle Apugo, Laila Benjamin, Yelena Enwere, Samantha Mallett

Sigma Sigma Sigma

Faithful Unto Death

"Sigma Sigma Sigma is an organization that brings young women close together," President Danielle Antoon said. "It helps women grow as people, leaders and provides life skills."

Established:
Nationally 1898
NSU Campus 1928

Awards:
First Place Lip Sync (nine out of 10 years)
Highest New Member GPA Fall 2008

Farthest distance organization traveled:
606 miles to Atlanta, Ga.



(In Alphabetical Order) Mary Catherine Ackel, Danielle Antoon, Monique Arceneaux, Emily Arledge, Kyra Armstrong, Ashlee Beaudoin, Tyler Bergeron, Carolyn Bernard, Emily Bernard, Alyson Breaux, Genny Broggi, Laura Bruce, Kacey Buckner, Jordan Buisson, Bailey Byrd, Shannon Byrd, Victoria Cararas, Chloee Christiansen, Cassie Collins, Jillian Corder, Mariah Courville, Victoria Crews, Heather Daigle, Emily Dye, Keedra Edwards, Whitney Fillingim, Rachel Finders, Mariah Gewin, Hannah Goodfellow, Jannah Gray, Gabriela Gutierrez, Claire Harrington, Erica Hayden, Kelsey Hayden, Hannah Hemphill, Taylor Hillin, Heather Hopkins, Brooke Hubbard, Brooke Humphries, Katie Johnson, Liz Manton, Jill Marien, Michelle Martinez, Marianna Matlock, Katie Matthews, Christa McAlpin, Shelby McCain, Jenny McCart, Carley McCord, Kaleigh McCord, Mary McCowen, Jenny McElwee, Meghan McElwee, Rachel McGee, Jordan McLamore, Brittany Miller, Whitney Mixon, Maegan Morace, Chelsey Murray, Alicia Payton, Mae-Mae Pierce, Kayla Porche, Cherie Primes, Kimberly Pullig, Jessica Ratelle, Megan Reynolds, Samantha Roberts, Caitlin Rogenmoser, Lindsey Rolling, Brittany Root, Lauren Ropollo, Karrie Simpson, Kayla Smith, Whitney Spencer, Kelsey Stelly, Natalie Stewart, Kelsey Thompson, Madeline Tolson, Kelsey Trautman, Brittney Tyra, Hattie Vaughn, Liz Vienne, Alanea Watson, Brandi White, Ashley Williams

Diamond Dolls



Alphabetical Order: [illegible] Brooke Bernard, Megan Bourgeois, Holly Buxton, Ashley Ceasar, Sarah Durham, Sarah Elliot, Cecily Foshee, Sharonica Garrison, Genica Handy, Daniella James, Brittany Jeanice, Eldri Johanson, Ashley Kaspersk[illegible], Kimberly [illegible]ens, Marissa Lees, Patience Mattes, Skylar Menard, Brooke Nielsen, Mary-Kate Parke[illegible]son Reed, Gina Robinson, Victoria Sanford, Skylar Schweker, Erin Shocklee, Brittany Thibodeaux, Meagen Vasseur, Yevette Wagoner, Logan Wallace, Shanyrica White, Jasmin Williams, Jessica Williams, Lindzy Zimmer

Established: 2008

Requirements:
2.25 GPA
Be able to attend seven home games
Attend committee meetings
Positive attitude

"The NSU Diamond Dolls are unique in that we not only offer support to the NSU baseball team, but also foster friendships and school spirit among NSU students with a common interest, along with offering a large window for campus involvement," Meagen Vasseur, member, said.

Student Government Association



(First Row) Kyra Armstrong, Ruth Wisher, Sydney Keller, Shanice Major, Mathew Morrison, Kayla Wingfield, Patrice Brooks, Rohneeka Hill, Candace Bostic, Anesha Roberson **(Second Row)** Josh Russell, Chelsea Zeno, Victoria Carillo, Bryan Johnson, Tiffany L. Thomas, Kelsy Washington, Talisia Williams **(Third Row)** Tara Luck, Megan McDaniel, Jake Funderburk, Kyle May, Zechariah Jones, Marcus Sanders, Justin Thompson

Psychology Club



(In Alphabetical Order) Megan Bourgeois, Jaime Byers, Katie Domanque, Ashley Kasperski, Kimberly Kidney, Ethan McManus, Jean Robinson, Brandy Swor, Cherrelle Williams, Katie Wolf

Kappa Kappa Psi

"Strive for the Highest"

Established:
Nationally 1919
NSU Campus 1986

Kappa Kappa Psi is one of two organizaitons dedicated to serving the NSU band.

Farthest distance traveled as an organization:
1320 to Phoenix, Az

Awards:
Outstanding Chapter Award
Early Bird Award



(Left to Right) Preston Spencer, Marla Hegman, Justin Vercher, Giquan Garrett, Nicole Bullard, Troy Moses, Corwin Joachim, Ryan Franklin, Adam Black, Demarcus Carlin, Mark Daniels, Zachary Bartley, Willum LaFayette

Circle K



(In Alphabetical Order) Megan Bourgeois, Jaleah Brouillard, Katie Byers, BreAuan Case, Latrica Charleville, Lashelia Dunn, De'Andra Hamilton, Markita Hamilton, Lara Harrison, [illegible], Diedre Johnson, Austin McCann, Mayan McDaniel, Maketia Morrison, Ryan Owens, Ruby Paul, Jacob [illegible], Armani Richardson, LaTwenda Saiman, Diante Turner, Talisha Washington, Brandon Wheatley, Kaleisha Wiles, Kat[illegible] Wolf

Society for Heritage Resources



(Front Row) Lou-Anne Williams, Ashley Constance, Randall Hart, Joe Evans, Lat Lobre, Megan Blinov, Rodney Meziere **(Back Row)** Dr. Julie Ernstein, Dean A. Barnes

Phi Mu


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(In Alphabetical Order) Alix Andres, Ashlynn Ardoin, Samantha Baker, Paige Barbo, Kasey Benoit, Megan Berthelot, Reagan Burke, Amanda Crosby, Megan Cullen, Caitlin Cunningham, Nicole Dauzat, Megan Davis, Holly Deloney, Samantha Dewitt, Amy Dodson, Brittany Domangue, Mary Escott, Courtney Espenan, Tiffany Faz, Andrea Finimore, Julie Fletcher, Erin Fontenot, Kayla Ford, Brittany Fosberg, Tiffany Foshee, Lynda Hammett, Molly Harris, Robin Haydel, Haley Higginbotham, Emilyn Horton, Whitney Jones, Erin Kelly, Laken Lewis, Lauren Lupo, Denise Mabile, Heather Maddox, Rachel McCalister, Dene' McCauley, Toni Menard, Ginny Mills, Alexandra Moreland , Mamie Moses, Brooke Nielsen, Ashley Nielsen, Jessica Nuss, Dasha Orebeaux, Kayla Pacheco, Brittany Pippin

Phi Mu is the second oldest sorority on campus

Established:
Nationally 1852
NSU Campus 1968

Phi Mu moved into their new home on South Jefferson Street this fall. It was the first house added to Greek Row since Kappa Sigma's house was built in 1986.

Philanthropy:
Children's Miracle Network

Awards:
Intramural Cup
Highest Panhellinic GPA
Most Service Award
1st Place Homecoming Lip Sync 2009

Kappa Alpha

"Dieu et les Dames"
For God and pure womanhood

"Kappa Alpha is an order of men bound together by their ideals of chivalry and gentlemanly conduct," President Michael Pierce said.

Established:
Nationally 1865
NSU Campus 1963

Philanthropy:
Muscular Dystrophy Association

Awards:
Cross and Rose Award; the National Kappa Alpha award for service

Kappa Alpha is the only organization with a house in a National Historic District.



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(In Alphabetical Order) Justin Benefield, Bobby Bloxom, Andrew Bordelon, Ryan Bossier, Ryan Bullock, Curtis Carte, David Dickson, Russell Eljoki, Patrick Garcia, Justin Goteman, Michael Greer, Michael Habig, Brion James, Lyle Lapeyrouse, Brian Lorio, James Manring, Daniel McDonnell, Austin O'Brien, Ryan Pang, Michael Pierce, Ian Pinkham, Matt Price, Brady Renard, Bradley Russo, Tony Sandefur, Nick Simons, Taylor Thompson, Aram Vartenian

Sigma Alpha Iota



(Back to Front) Amy Fain, Erica Vincent, Ola Demus-Jackson, Natalie Johnson, Ashley Huff, Brittany Crowe, Kali Davenport, Mary Osteen, Renee Jessup, Stephanie Ojeda, Brittany Raley, Sarah Hunt, Sara Mayeux, Natalie Hoffman, Brittany Laza, Brandi Guilbeau, Megan Gibson, Katie Stockton, Linda Aguilar, Lillian Hare

Established:
Nationally 1903
NSU Campus 1950

Organization's Philanthropy: People-to-People

Farthest distance traveled as an organization: 937 miles to Chicago, Ill.

"We nurture and support the art of music and music education in the United States and throughout the world," President Sara Mayeux said.

Sigma Alpha Iota participated in events including Music Carnival, Clean-up-CAPA and music events in the community.

Argus



(Front Row) Taylor Meeks, Kim Cascio, Amy Ellender, Sarah Clarius **(Back Row)** Katie Burkhalter, Katie Magana, Erin Courville, Tim Gattie,

Theta Chi



(Front Row) Chris Vaughn, Nathanial McReynolds **(Second Row)** Blake Dodson, Bobby Woods, Eddie Higginbotham, Justin Price **(Third Row)** Jordan Higginbotham Zed Martin, Michael Stephenson, Chas Wilson **(Back Row)** Vanner Erikson, Dylan Brossette, Paul Shelton, Elmer Montgomery, Jeffrey Sholar, Cameron Tillman, Tyler Gentry, Doug Perry

Phi Alpha Honor Society



(Front Row) Nathan Fewell, Kristina Allen **(Back Row)** Laquisha Hollingquest, Charnice Scott, Angelisa Watson

Alpha Sigma Alpha



(Front Row) Carolyn Gatti, Stormie Moore **(Second Row)** Heather Jacobson, Hannah Thomas, Kaitlynn Vincent, Megan Vets **(Third Row)** Dr. Betsy Cochran, Nicole Bayles, Barbara Pierce, Sandy Shaw

Blue Key Honor Society

"Serving, I live"

Blue Key Honor Society works with Habitat for Humanity and the Service Learning Center.

Nationally Established: 1924

Requirements:
Minimum 3.0 GPA
90 cumulative hours

"Blue Key, as an organization, couples action with principle and provides role models among collegiate honor societies by marshalling students with exemplary scholarly skills, leadership skills and the highest standards of moral character and citizenship," Quincy Jackson, member, said.



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River Campus Ministry



First Row) Sarah Cramer, Kaysee Carrere, Sarah Timmons, Rebbecca Lowe, Katelyn Young **(Second Row)** Amber Pena, Elisabeth Allson, Heather Gross, Shanna Pierson, Glen Weideman

Established: 2006

Farthest distance organization traveled:
Chennai, India

"We pursue the heart of God in everything we do, and try to make the RCM a place where we can be real with ourselves, real with others and real with God," President Heather Gross said.

NSU Crew

Established: 1988

Awards:
Ranks Top 20 in the country
Academic All-American Team
All South Region Rowers

The NSU Crew program is one of three programs in Louisiana, and the only program in Northern Louisiana.

Farthest distance organization traveled:
1,366 miles to Philadelphia, PA



(Front Row) Kenny Watson, Josh Adams, Hannah McEvoy, Audra Callender, Jamontenae Danielle Terry, Kara McGregor **(Second Row)** Coach Jason Stelly, Josh Stelly, John Roche, Chelsea Smith, Ethan Edington, Jake Black, Lauren Young **(Third Row)** Hannah Koslosky, Courtney Bell, Jennifer Hooper **(Fourth Row)** Emily Grimmett, Erikk Sluss, Coach Jim Rudd **(Not Pictured)** Victoria Brunston, Emily Deen and Juliette Gray

Society of Professional Journalists



(Left to Right) David Royal, Joe Cunningham, Jarrett Bennes, Taylor Graves, Tori Ladd, Sarah Cramer, Mary Jordan

Student Theatre Organization



(Front Row) Cody Olsen, Katie McGowen, Taylor Marrs, and Ford Haeuser **(Second Row)** Dillon Holden, Coryn Bourgeois, Jonathan Smith, Brian Foster, Becca Brown, Lauren Hill, Emily Tuttle, Morgan Taylor, Austin Babin, Amber English, and Lauren Bovia **(Third Row)** Beau Wilson, Larry Ross, Julie Fletcher Britney Rodgers

Alpha Epsilon Delta



(First Row) Josh Fage, Jacob Deniakos, Ginny Mills, Savannah Cholvitee, Roxanne Varnell, Dr. Curtis Phifer **(Second Row)** Zach Ponder, Yaser Elqutub, Nick Spellmon, Sephanie Mongomery, Shirley Roberson

Tau Kappa Epsilon



(Front Row) John Beckwith, Zach Sawyer, Seth Cotsopoulos, Chad Brewer, David Bridges, Kevin Gramer **(Back Row)** Justin Aymond, Chris Gandy, John Watson, Klayton Valega, Mike McEwan, D.J. Upton, Donald Mote, Joseph Jordan **(Not Pictured)** Jerret Crumbley, Dylan Corkern, Alex St. Romain

"The more you hang around these people, the less it feels like a fraternity and more like a family," Alex St. Romain, member, said.

Philanthropy: St. Jude's

Established:
Nationally 1957
NSU Campus 1899

College Panhellenic Council



(Front Row) Stormy Moore, Megan Cullen, Chelsea Giles, Laura Bruce
(Second Row) Elizabeth Armond, Whitney Mixon, Megan Berthalot, Mariah Courville, Dasha Orebeaux, Haley Malagarie, Caroline Benard
(Back Row) Hannah Thomas, Eryckah Rogers, Meredith Richard, Genny Broggi, Ashley Rogers, Jordan McLemore, Brittany Domanque, Sandy Shaw

Business Professionals of America

Established:
Nationally 1988
NSU Campus 2002

Philanthropy:
Operation Christmas Child

Farthest distance organization has traveled:
1,676 miles to Anaheim, Calif.

"By taking advantage of the many programs that BPA/PBL offers, students acquire the skills that will set them apart from the average graduate," Dr. Julie McDonald, adviser, said.



(In Alphabetical Order) Christina Alexander, Jeff Allen Jr., Lauren Berry, Kelvin Binns, Taylor Campo, Isaac Fairley, Jessica Glaspie, Eric Howard, Jared Kilpatrick, Kristen Lee, Micah Malnar, Imani May, Kaleigh McCord, Brooke McDaniel, Amanda Payne, Ryan Porter, Josh Russell, George Standifer, Karrie Simpson, Kelsey Stelly, Jeremy Terral, Michael Tiffany, Hattie Vaughn, Ashley Williams
(Not Pictured) Starleana Boston, Keenan Brown, Laura Bruce, Hannah Clark, Megan Cullen, Melissa Hill, Erin Knox, Matt LeBlanc, and Mary McCowen

Wesley Campus Ministry



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(Front Row) Rev. [illegible] **(Second Row)** Charlie Thompson, Christine Davis, Marissa Morris, [illegible] Rideau, Karen Chat[illegible] **(Back Row)** Joseph Naquin, Michael Chandler, Edward Norwood, Justin Woodley, Wesley Ministry

Natchitoches-Northwestern Flute Guild



Photo by Emily Deen

(Front Row) Kirstie White, Cain-Oscar Bergeron, Natalie Hoffman **(Second Row)** Dr. Dennette McDermott, Bethany Snell, Victoria Quintanilla, Amber Wiggins **(Back Row)** Brittany Raley, Rachel Brannen, Jose Bustamante, Alicia Payton, Eilyn Garcia

Student Personnel Association



Photo by Lillian Flare

(Front Row) Will Gallieu, Dr. Henrietta Pichon, Jennie Monk, Brittany Dent, Kory Woods, Nicky Morris **(Back Row)** Kenny Gee, Ashley Wilkerson, Trent Kennedy, Sherry Perkins, Dr. Mary Lynn Williamson, TC Veit, Christy Taylor

Beta Beta Beta

"To see the foundation of life"

Established:
Nationally 1922
NSU Campus 1949

Requirements:
3.0 GPA
12 credit hours in Biology
Biology major or minor

Farthest distance organization traveled:
452 miles to Oklahoma



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(Front Row) Sarah Timmons, Carrie Anderson, Meghan Breaux, Renee Brown, Dr. Francene Lemoine **(Second Row)** Meredith Richard, Laramie Lemon, Casey Soileau, Sheena Brauer **(Third Row)** Carl "Dusty" Dischler, Megan Fontenot, Shalecia Brown, Stephanie Montgomery, Natalyn Sonnier, Nathan Clark **(Fourth Row)** Joseph Tarpley, Trenese Hypolite, Whytley Jones, Jennifer Riddick, Matthew Doucet **(Back Row)** William Owens, Andrew Coombs, James Lasyone

Anthropology Club



(First Row) Amanda Paul, Marie Richards **(Second Row)** James Mariano, Caleb Elkins **(Third Row)** Dr Hailey, Rodney Meziere, Joe Evans, Dr. Gregory, Robert Caldwell

NAACP



(In Alphabetical Order) Shardai Adesola, Alacia Augustine, Travis Batiste, Candace Bostic, Patrick Brooks, Keenan Brown, Monique Chachere, Whitney Dennis, Victor Duplesis, Kelsey Frank, Randy Freeman, Sharonica Garrison, Jonathan Guyton, Jalanda Hinton, Rochel Jackson, Angel Johnson, Victor Kanardy, Knyoka Lawson, Whitney Lester, Cheryl Lewis, Shanice Major, Megan Mcdaniel, Hope McFarland, Marquis Montgomery, Clarissa Morgan, Maketia Morrison, Brittany Mosley, Joshua Owusu-Duku, Chris Oyeku, Kourtney Reece, Davone Richard, Anesha Roberson, Ginia Robinson, Melaisha Sims, Bobby Taylor, Jeremy Thomas, Ronnie Washington, Kristin Wesley, Dorces Wilfred, Gecyka Williams, Kayla Wingfield, Andre'Nikka Wright, Chelsea Zeno

Student Activities Board



(First Row) Karin Meghani, Amy Dodson, Latweika Salmon, Genny Broggi, Shaquille Broussard, Madison Wakefield **(Second Row)** Monique Chachere, Dasha Orebeaux, Sarah Broadway, Lynda Hammett **(Third Row)** Jeffery Sholar, Chelsea Giles, Tiffany Hudson, Kacey Buckner, Eddie Higginbotham **(Fourth Row)** Marquis Montgomery, Bobbie Woods, Catie Reeves, Chris Gandy **(Fifth Row)** Dianta Turner, Afton Owens, Jasmine Joseph

Black Knights

"Promoting the US Army values in all, with our focus on selfless service"

Established: 1960

In the 1960s, the Black Knights drill team performed for the U.S. President in Washington, D.C. after winning a National Drill Competition.

Army Values:
Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless, Service, Honor, Integrity and Personal Courage

Farthest distance organization traveled:
864 miles to White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

"Students should join our organization because of our love for community and the armed forces," Kris Daisy, member, said. "No matter what the opinion about the war may be, our soldiers are a part of our community as well."



(Front Row) Brittany Jeanice, Jacinda Davis **(Back Row)** Brittany Gunner, Chelsey Berlin, Kris Daisy, Dustin Vandersypen, DJ Upton, Mathew Guse, Emaoni Powell, Corey Ford, Hannah Metoyer, Adam Hanna, Eli Ibanga

Kappa Sigma



(First Row) Michael Laborde, Justin Krouse, Nicholas Courville, Brent Slaughter, Dakota Byrd **(Second Row)** Daniel Cobb, Scott Conly, Jesse Calhoun, Joél Ferreyros, Kyle Hudson, Cory Hanchey, Kelly Louviere **(Third Row)** Chase Bray, Mason Jewell, Kiley Louviere, Brennon Felice, Tyler Ralston, Beau Major, Landon Edwards **(Forth Row)** Zachary Adams, Josh Delaughter, Ryan McDonald, Daniel Hubley, Hunter Bardin, Garth Jeter

Baptist Collegiate Ministry



(Front Row) Jena Condra, Samantha Wright, Becca Fowler, Whitney Brandon, Stephanie Colnga, Jessie Benoit, Angelique Miliken, Jorgia Hamil, Eva Wilson, Cord Larson **(Second Row)** Dallas Irvin, Elizabeth McLellan, Brittany Glennon, Andy Bullard, Carla Johnson, Brittany Roberts, Tiffany Foshee, Haley Upshaw, Amanda Angers, Mandie Emfinger, Lori Engolia **(Back row)** Ben Densmore, Ashly Luckett, Jenny Green, Eric Brooks, Derrick Griffon, Jacob Nolen, Evan Korn, Fletcher Jonson, David Jordan, Kasey McCarthy, Matt Fowler, Jeff Ware, Matthew English, Phyllis Collins, Bill Collins

Societas Antiqua



(Front Row) Cassundra Alexander, Dr. Davina McClain, Kayla Wingfield, Lynda Hammett, Amanda Sykes
(Back Row) Matt Morrison, James Mariano, Tim Gattiae, Becca Hoyt, Dr. Hare, Dr. Keele, Paul Shelton, Zach Jones, Dr. D'[illegible]ato, Staci Holloway

"We love wisdom and beauty"

Established:
Nationally 1927
NSU Campus 2008

Philanthropy:
Natchitoches Animal Shelter

Farthest distance organization traveled:
421 miles to Memphis, Tenn.

"We welcome anyone with an interest in the ancient world," Davina McClain, adviser, said.

Sigma Gamma Rho



(Left to Right) Shenaice Boles, Kathe N[illegible], Mysha Dobbins, Ala[illegible], Tertresha Bowie, Shaval Stewart, Adrian DeLay

Sociology Club



(Front Row) Sarah Cramer, Matthew Zumwalt, Sussette Lane **(Back Row)** Joe Cunningham, James Avant

Society of English Scholars



(Front Row) Courtney Texada, Trever Holland, Lynette Paul **(Back Row)** Erin Courville, Andrew Shirley, Katie Magana, Justin Robertson, Kristina McBribe, Tim Gattie

Order of Omega



(Front Row) Denise Mabile, Lauren Lupo, Kaleigh McCord, Carolyn Bernard (Back Row) Vadeisha Williams, Eddie Higginbotham, Nick Courville, Rachel McCalister, Anesha Roberson

Purple Jackets

"Strong character, high ideas, constructive purpose"

Established: 1926

"Purple Jackets Honor Society is considered to be one of the highest honors for young women attending NSU," Ronderica Walker, member, said.

Requirements:

Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA
Involved in at least two other organizations
Female junior or senior

Purple Jackets were the official hostesses of NSU, serving in the President's Box during home football games and helping with community events.



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Phi Mu Alpha



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(Front row) EJ Bradford, Brandon Legnion, Mike Germain, Daniel Coffman, Mason Kyle, Matt Foster, Ben Wood, Joe Dimarco, Roger Hall, Josh Nuss **(Back Row)** Michael Wimberley, Phillip Melder, Spencer Sepulvado, Kyle Iacore, Jose Bustamante, Allen Carpenter, Daniel Jergins, Giquan Garret, John Michael Butler, Chris Maciel, Cameron Mayfield, Jorge Cantu

"We are like the other social fraternities except we place a strong focus on music," President Joshua Nuss said.

Active and alumni join together annually to sing the national anthem at the NSU homecoming game.

Phi Mu Alpha joined together with the other music organizations in the Creative and performing Arts department to create the Interfraternal Music Council.

National Association of Black Journalists



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Social Work Club



(Front Row) Bryan Johnson, Wildric Rack, Ebony Wilridge **(Second Row)** Sarah Poree, Dr. Wade Tyler, Chasity McDermott **(Third Row)** Whitney Coleman, Traci Miller, Siedah Perro, Adris Moffett **(Fourth Row)** Pamela Dove-Rivers, Molly Harris, Genny Broggi, Leann Bordelon **(Back Row)** Chaz Augustine, Ashley Crockett, Michael Dees, Dedra Brown

"Dare to make a Difference"

Established: 1979

Philanthropy: D.O.V.E.S. Women's Shelter and Hospice of Natchitoches

Social Work Club stands for serving the community while enhancing the well being of others.

"Besides giving its members a bond with other social work students that will last a lifetime, we explore issues that are relevant to our profession and will be relevant in the future," President Bryan Johnson said.

Alpha Omicron Pi



(Front Row) Nicole Rogers, Sydney Keller, Kori Davis, Robin Barr **(Second Row)** Chelsea Morra, Hayley Upshaw, Elizabeth Armond, Cassidy Byles, Haley Malagare, Amanda Dupuy **(Third Row)** Samantha Voinche, Amy Fox, Shelby Brown, Krista Iarsen, Chelsea Giles, Addie Winegart, Brittany Waggoner, Brittani Hailey, Meghan Mikesh, Sarah Abbot **(Fourth Row)** Victoria Quintanilla, Meredith Beckondorf, Halli Hickman, Peyton Boozer, Rachel Oliver, Heather Ray, Ashley Rogers, Courtney Ray, Amy Dupuy, Rebekah Sheets, Taylor Ogeron

Demon Phi Cheerleader



Photo by Emily Dunn

(Left to Right) Sam Starr, Jasmine Shafer, Ryan P George, ShaQuane Williams, Patrick W Brooks

Students in Free Enterprise



(Front Row) Tracie Iabom-Norris, Patience Mattes, Amanda Perkins, Cristina Alexander, Starleana Boston, Kakendra Logwood **(Back Row)** Bob Jones, Lewej Whitelow, Keenan Brown, Ronnie Washington, Kelvin Binns, Leah Darden, Whitney Parker

KNWD



(First Row) Hope McFarland, Sarah Person, Richelle Stephens, Geogka Dawnn, Nick Viola **(Second Row)** Nicole Rung, Lewej Whitelow, Brandon Blahe, Nick Breaux, Mareco Webb **(Back Row)** Kevin Clarkson, Robert Caldwell, Brad Deville, Cody Bourque, Robert Brown

Gamers' Guild

UNION



Photo by Kirk Martin

Established: 2002

Organized and participated in events such as Halo tournaments with NSU fraternities, life size games of Clue on campus and a campus-wide paintball tournament.

"We play games," Treasurer Brayden Bolton said.

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(Front Row) Doug Perry, Katie Quebedeaux, Morgan Cooper, Sarah Cramer (Back Row) Jeffrey Sholar, Richelle Stephens, Hannah Tanksley, Brady Renard, Maegan Morace, Kelli Otto, LaKimbria Williams, Nick Viola, Taesha Johnson

Sigma Tau Delta



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The Current Sauce



(Front Row) Shelita Dalton, Casey Reynolds, David Royal, Tori Ladd, Andy Bullard, Jorge Cantu **(Back Row)** Mary Jordan, Bethany Frank, Andrew Bordelon, Toby Winkler, Joe Cunningham, Jimmie Walker

Publication began: 1914.

One thousand two hundred papers are distributed to buildings all over campus and to local businesses.

Farthest distance traveled: New York City for the College Media Advisers conference.

"The best bonding experience is being in the newsroom together at all hours of the night," Editor in Chief Joe Cunningham said. "It gets crazy when everyone is tired, but it's almost always fun."

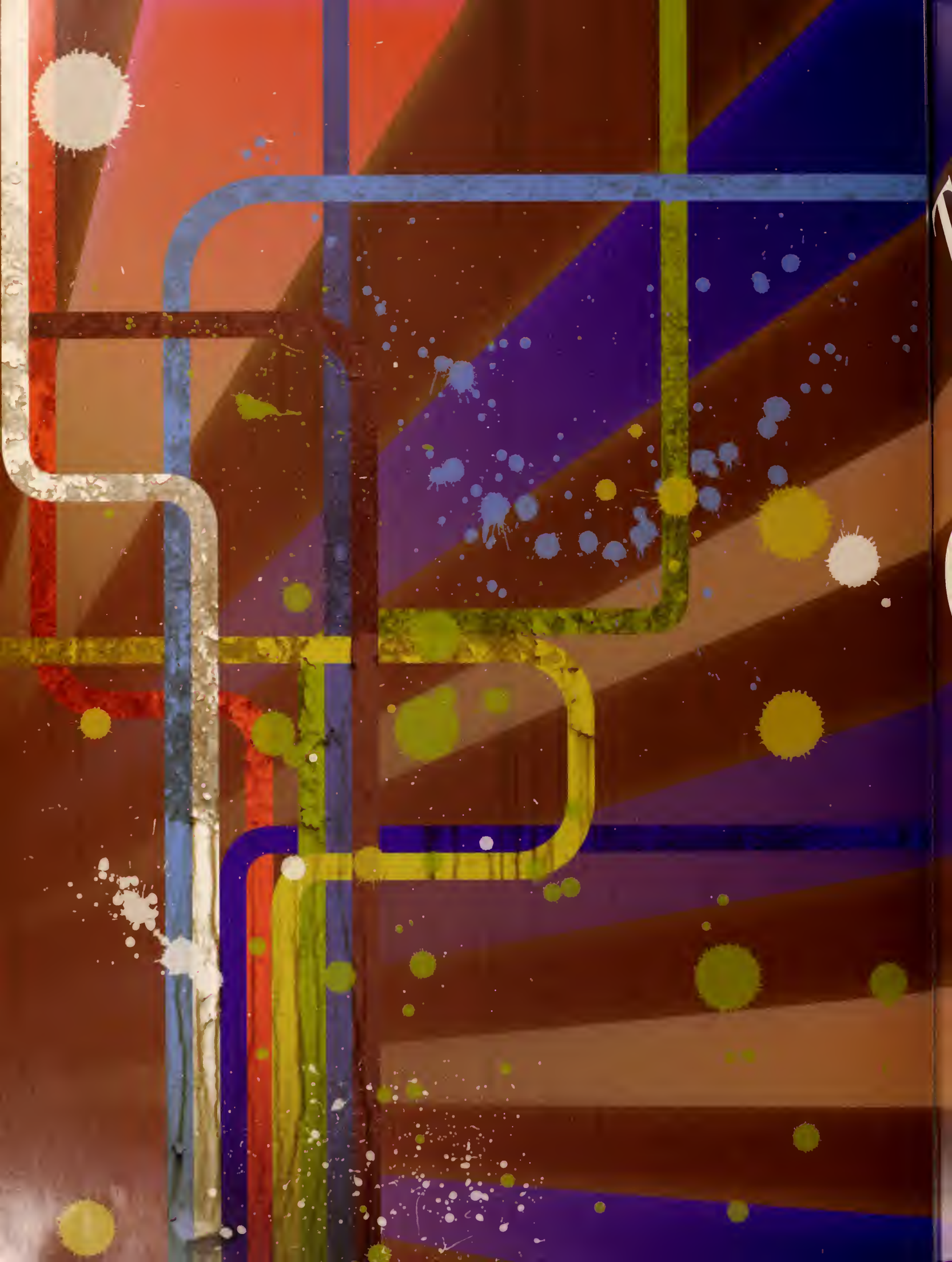


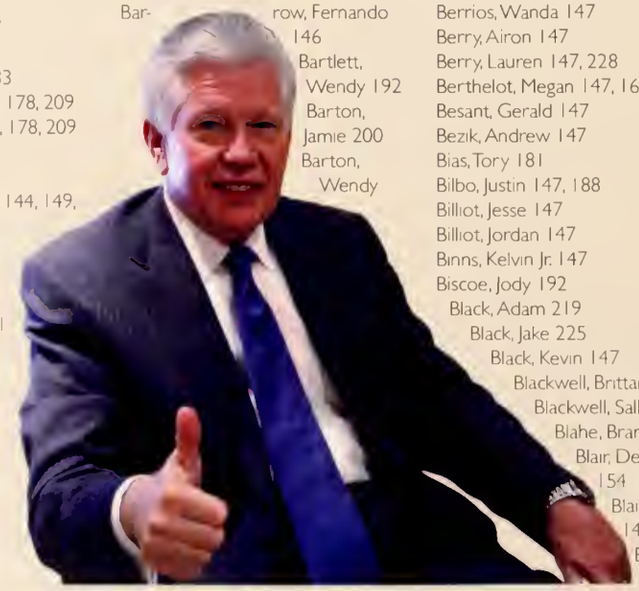
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When Bethany asked me to be her associate editor, I agreed. Obviously. I figured it would be a good learning experience and something to put on my resume, perhaps with a few late nights thrown in. But it was so much more than that. Sure, there were late nights and long weekends spent in the newsroom, but while I was stuck in there, editing stories and laying out pages, I had some pretty good times. Of course much of my time was spent stressing out or trying to keep my anger contained while writers attempted to explain to me why their stories were not finished, but most of my time was spent laughing and trying not to get too distracted. Spending days at a time in one room with the same people does strange things to a person. Late-night chatting produced some interesting conversations. I formed amazing friendships with some amazing people I would not have known had it not been for this publication. On Halloween we were stuck in the newsroom preparing for a deadline, but that didn't stop us from making the best of it. Paul and I painted our faces blue, colored our hair green and spent the day dressed as "Poompaloompas." Don't ask me what those are. We made them up. As a staff, we bonded. We talked about our love lives, shared funny stories and learned more than we wanted to about each other. I listened to way too much country music, because apparently that's how Bethany works best, and I can recite all the random facts about Natchitoches that Taylor shared with us after her long days of working at the tourist commission.

But, of course, I can't leave out the best, and most important, part of my time on yearbook staff. It really was a good learning experience. I went in not knowing a thing about design, photography or how to be an editor. I knew nothing more than how to write a simple story, but those long hours in the newsroom with Bethany sure taught me a few things. Thanks, Bethany, for staying so patient with me. And thank you for giving me the opportunity to be your associate editor.



Jeremy Richthofen

Design Editor

Yearbook is…….. frustrating, exciting, challenging, gross, edifying, amusing, coarse, interesting, interrogation, motivating, taxing, incriminating, frightening, exhilarating, debilitating, anesthetizing, sensational, decorative, obnoxious, gorgeous, mystifying, perplexing, intense, uncouth, fearsome, numbing, exigent, grungy, oldish, irrefutable, inexplicable, bizarre, festinating, but most of all worth it…….



Bethany Frank

Editor in Chief/Academics Editor

Hugo Ball, dadist, expressed it best, "For us, art is not an end in itself, but it is an opportunity for the true perception and criticism of the times we live in."

With Ball's quote and some examples of modern art, we began our Potpourri journey. We aimed to do as many Potpourris have done in the past, and hopefully sometime in the future you'll look back and remember the experiences that made you cry, laugh and leap for joy. Through and through, we aimed to create a publication that you could call your own.

I received the opportunity to do something that many don't ever get to do. I was awarded the honor of being your editor in chief for a second year. A decision I contemplated often throughout the production of this Potpourri. A decision I wished multiple times I could change as many encouraged me not to walk out the newsroom doors. And as we send our publication to the printers, I have two words left to say: thank you.

Thank you to the students and faculty who put up with our never-ending Facebook messages, emails and phone calls pleading for one more interview, one more photograph, one more bit of information.

Thank you to my instructors who stood patient and understanding each time I needed to put the Potpourri first on my priority list. Thank you for your forgivingness when I yelled at you for 10 minutes after class for simply asking, "Why is your paper late?"

Thank you to my directors who expected me to perform as a music major, but stood understandingly when a plane ride forced me to miss two concerts. Thank you, Dr. B, for not popping a gasket throughout orchestra rehearsals or lessons when I sat baggie-eyed and exhausted...and unprepared. Thank you for teaching me the lessons I needed to learn and humoring my never-ending enthusiasm for the contrabassoon and solos.

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Thank you Niki. We always joked last year that I was done and wouldn't do yearbook, and I would actually be able to do those dishes and take out the trash (and remember to throw away the expired milk I was never home to drink). Thank you again for being patient and for always knowing what measure we were on when I became too brain-dead to remember how to count. And thank you for being that little something extra when I got home. It was always a blessing those days you got the mail, did the dishes, took out the trash and all those other home-related things. You are not only one of my best friends, but the best "wife" I could ask for.

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But most importantly, I need to thank my staff. It has been one hell of a year, and you have stuck through it. You stood patient while I fussed about copy and design and photos. You reminded me to relax and had no problems breaking through "my personal space" to sing "Woah Child" and "remind me to eat." This was by far the ideal year as far as deadlines and other things went, but you have all been wonderful. And thank you those few, who had the patience and determination to continue to trudge through it until the end.

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Thank you Sarah, Taylor, Guin and Will. There are moments in your life that make you stop and count your blessings. Thank you for being one of mine during the last proofing of the book. And thank you to all my friends and family who have stood by my side during this difficult time.

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